



www.yourmedway.co.uk

Your Medway

PICK UP **FREE**

April 13, 2012 • No 234

Scally locks horns again with police in row over Gills clash

By Chris Britcher

chris.britcher@archant.co.uk

GILLINGHAM'S crunch clash against arch-rivals Swindon Town next weekend may take place behind closed doors after the council slapped a prohibition notice on the fixture due to a row over policing costs.

While emergency talks take place in an effort to resolve the dispute, it is an almost identical stand-off to that which erupted just 24-hours before the club's FA Cup clash with Premier League Stoke City earlier this year.

Then Gills chairman Paul Scally backed down and agreed to pay the extra costs.

But the latest row, which came to light on Wednesday, could rumble on across the weekend, with the game not due to take place until April 21.

In a statement issued by Medway

Council, Mike O'Brien, portfolio holder for community safety and customer contact, said: "Due to a dispute between Gillingham FC and Kent Police about the costs and number of police officers needed at Priestfield Stadium for the match against Swindon Town on April 21, we have unfortunately been left with no alternative but to issue a prohibition notice on the game preventing supporters from attending.

"We have done this following advice from Kent Police that they have specific intelligence concerning the match and its fans.

"We are satisfied that the intelligence provided shows the police are clearly right to have serious concerns about public order at the ground and that the risk is so serious for fans that, until steps have been taken to reduce it to a

Continued on page 2



OUR FLAGSHIP

LEADING LADY: Thames barge the Edith May collects a top honour

SEE INSIDE

EDUCATION

Music to the ears of pupils

A YOUNG couple from Gillingham have developed what they believe to be a pioneering new method to help youngsters revise for exams - by putting facts and figures to music. Now they hope the system will be adopted by schools and embraced by students keen to secure top grades. **PAGE 3**

GAMBLING

Bookies set for National

GRAND National fever will sweep the nation tomorrow as horse racing's biggest event is staged at Aintree. And despite the recession and squeeze on spending, bookmakers say they expect a bumper turnout of punters looking to make a fast buck by having a flutter on the big race. **PAGE 7**

THEATRE

Soap star joy at panto role

EASTENDERS star Cheryl Fergison has been confirmed as the big name for this year's pantomime at Chatham's Central Theatre. The actress, who played the murdered Heather Trott in the long-running soap will be the Fairy Godmother in this year's performance of Cinderella. **PAGE 9**

You only get one life
Enjoy it your way

Live Life. Love Reynolds.

Follow us on Facebook & Twitter



01634 233194
113 High Street, Rainham ME8 8AA
01795 479966
173-175 London Rd, Sittingbourne ME10 1PA
www.reynoldsfitnessspa.co.uk

REYNOLDS
FITNESS SPA

News

Download your FREE **Kent News iPhone** and **iPad App**

INSIDE

- News 2-13
- Comment/Feedback 14-15
- Business Week 18-19
- Careers 20-21
- Jobs & Notices 22-29
- Sport 46-47

INSIDE



Plus: That wonderful pub food you've been looking for... we've found it - food and drink p53 Developer invites you to exchange your home for something more... property p100 Canals look to the skies... driving p40

- Interview 33
- Food and Drink 35

LEISURE

Attractions, events, stage, exhibitions, theatre, arts, 37-38

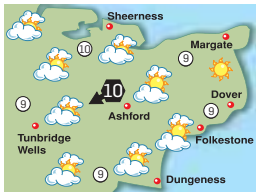
HOMES

Property See pullout

MOTORS

Driving 41-45

Weather



TODAY: Plenty of cloud through the day with showery outbreaks of rain, possibly heavy at times. A chilly gentle north-easterly wind. Max temp 8-11C (46-52F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	05.48	5.6	18.18	5.5
Margate	06.51	4.2	19.13	4.0
St Mary's	11.51	4.3	-	-

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Max 10C	Min 0C
Monday	Max 10C	Min 1C
Tuesday	Max 11C	Min 3C
Wednesday	Max 12C	Min 3C
Thursday	Max 13C	Min 5C
Friday	Max 14C	Min 5C

Information supplied by **MeteoGroup**

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

CONTACTS

Editor (news & sport): Chris Britcher
 Email: chris.britcher@archant.co.uk
 Address: Apple Barn, Smeeth, TN25 6SS
 Editorial: News: 01303 817100
 Leisure: 01303 817200
 Sport: 01303 817183
 Email: editorial@kosmedia.co.uk
 Advertising: Jobs/Notices: 01303 817056
 Business: 01303 817056
 Email: appointments@kosmedia.co.uk
 Retail/Leisure/Motors: 01303 817150
 Email: sales@kosmedia.co.uk
 Distribution: 01303 817072
 FOLLOW US ONLINE @
 yourkenttv.co.uk • kentnews.co.uk
 kentnews.co.uk/mobile
 jobsforkent.co.uk • homes24.co.uk
 carsforkent.co.uk • twitter@kosmedia
 Printed by Newsfax International Ltd,
 5 Beam Reach Business Park, Consul Ave,
 Rainham, Essex RM13 8BL

SPORT

Gills game to be behind closed doors if police row continues

Continued from front page

reasonable level through agreeing adequate policing levels, spectators will be prohibited from attending the game.

"As the licensing authority, it is our responsibility to ensure football matches are safe for all attending the match.

"We sympathise with all the fans who want to watch this match and we sincerely hope Gillingham FC and the police can get together urgently to resolve this matter and enable the match to go ahead with supporters from both clubs able to watch an exciting football

match in a safe environment."

Ch Supt Alasdair Hope added: "The safety of all fans attending this football match is our main priority and we are not prepared for their safety to be compromised.

"The cost of this must be met by Gillingham FC.

"Commercial enterprises across the country pay for the policing of their events, including football matches, and none is exempt.

"Medway Council as the licensing authority has served a prohibition notice on Gillingham FC and discussions are ongoing between Kent Police

and the club to address the safety issues."

The club have yet to publicly comment on the issue.

The Gills travel to play-off rivals Oxford United on Saturday knowing that only a win will keep alive their dwindling hopes of making the play-off places in League Two.

The club emerged from the Easter weekend with just one point from a possible six, after a draw at Bristol Rovers was followed by defeat at the hands of Dagenham & Redbridge. The Gills are currently four points and two places off the play-off zone.



CRIME

Prison for car park crook captured by passers-by who answered calls for help

By James Benjamin

yourmedway@kosmedia.co.uk

A BUNGLING criminal who robbed a woman in a Chatham car park only for her cries of help to prompt passers-by to trap him, is this week starting a 21 month jail sentence.

Matthew West, 31, from Leicester, appeared before Maidstone Crown Court and pleaded guilty.

The robbery had taken place in a car park on St John Hawkins Way, the A231, on September 29, 2011.

The victim, a 40-year-old woman from Maidstone, was purchasing a car park ticket when West pulled up alongside her in a car.

He jumped out and attempted to grab the woman's purse from her hands.

After a short struggle he caused the woman to fall to the floor before grabbing her purse and getting back in to his car.

As West emptied out the contents of the purse onto the passenger seat and handed it back to the victim, he then attempted to speed off. However, the victim had cried out for help and members of the public came running to her aid, preventing him from leaving.



QUICK THINKING: The public detained the crook at the scene until police arrived

tempted to speed off. However, the victim had cried out for help and members of the public came running to her aid, preventing him from leaving.

Those who helped were able to keep West there until police arrived a short while later to arrest him and also collected up the money that had been taken

from the woman's purse and returned it to her.

West was charged with robbery on October 13.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Dee Goddard, said: "This was a serious incident, which although thankfully did not result in significant injuries, did cause a huge amount of distress to the victim, who has been left deeply affected by it.

"I am pleased West has received a custodial sentence, for a robbery that would have resulted in him gaining just £20.

"Hopefully his time in prison will give him the opportunity to consider the impact his actions have had on his victim and should also serve as a warning to others that Kent Police will deal robustly with those who commit crime.

"I would like to express my thanks to those members of the public who came to the assistance of the victim and who greatly assisted Kent Police by detaining the suspect and providing evidence which led to the conviction of West."

GARAGE DOORS CRAZY SALE MADNESS

Top of the range 'remote controlled' insulated aluminium rolling garage door, superb product maintenance free.

Totally secure and fully guaranteed.

RRP £2,155.00

NOW JUST £699

INC VAT & FITTED FREE!!*

This special offer includes free fitting.

The offer on our website does not include free fitting.

To benefit from this offer you should call: 01622 765993 Quote Ref K.O.S



TO SEE THIS 'SEGURO' DOOR WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATION

TEL: 01622 765993

MAIDSTONE • CANTERBURY
 CROYDON • COLCHESTER

www.segurogaragedoors.co.uk

bringing you the latest news ■ sport ■ video ■ jobs ■ cars and property  ...Just visit the Apple App Store

EDUCATION

Student couple want to put pupils on right track with musical revision

By Chris Murphy

yourmedway@kosmedia.co.uk

IT has baffled parents and teachers alike for generations; how do teenagers remember the words of so many songs, but fail miserably when it comes to committing vital information to memory to pass exams?

But now a Medway couple believe they may have developed a new way of learning which combines the two, after coming up with Music Motive UK.

One of the founders Darren Gillam said: "We found by combining vital facts with pieces of music we are able to remember many more facts and better recall information.

"We are always seeing youngsters walking around listening to hours of music. And they can remember lyrics easily because of the association with the music.

"So why not match that with education? By learning a piece of music, be it from rap to classical, if someone wants to remember all the books Charles Dickens wrote, we can produce some music and write lyrics to include all the information they will need.

"That way, in the exam, all they need to do is recall the music and the words will flow back in to their heads."

Mr Gillam, 18, and girlfriend Natali Garcia Rodriguez, 19, are still in education themselves and trials with friends have proved successful.

Miss Rodriguez is currently studying at Anglia Rusking University while Mr Gillam is attending an access course to higher education at MidKent College.

He said: "We aim to run various events and workshops, to combine different genres of music



TOP HITS:

Darren and Natali's idea is to combine vital facts with different music making it easier for youngsters to remember when taking exams

and revision together to help young people learn a new way of revising."

They have tested the waters at the Woodlands Community Centre in Gillingham, also with success, and now want schools to get in touch for the service which is currently free.

Mr Gillam added: "We have different musicians for various genres and take along a portable studio to record the music, which will be edited on site. Music videos can also be prepared completing the experience of being exposed to music and learning a new way to revise.

"From our own experiences at school we realised students learn in different ways.

"Although we were taught some ways on how to revise, music and revision combined was never offered. Ourselves and many of our peers listen to music on a regular basis and can recite

almost all the lyrics after listening to a song a few times."

He said they are now looking for young people to get involved with the project, along with producers, musicians, and people who want to work with children, so they can run a series of summer workshops that will not only give experience to those involved, but to teach other young people a fun new way of revising as well as exposing them to different genres of music and song writing.

To get in touch, phone Natali on 0755 4887602 or Darren on 0785 1519151.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Blaze destroys hall

DOZENS of firefighters tackled a major blaze in the centre of Strood on Wednesday night after an historic hall was destroyed by flames.

Emergency crews were called to Barton Hall just off the A2 London Road at around 7.30pm. Fire teams from as far as Larkfield and Dartford were called in to help tackle the fire and prevent it spreading to neighbouring properties. An investigation into the cause of the fire is now under way.

➔ 500 set for river scrub

A CLEAN-up along the River Medway takes place this weekend.

Held as part of the Go Canoeing Week, all the local canoe and kayak clubs will be taking part, along with local Scouts, Cadets and other river enthusiasts. Organisers say they hope some 500 people will be involved. Supported by the Environment Agency they will be removing from the river and banks floating and tree-borne debris on Sunday.

➔ Murder trial to start

THE murder trial begins this week of three people accused of killing three members of the same family in a house fire in Chatham last year.

Melissa Crook, 20, her 15-month-old son Noah, and her father Mark Crook, 49, died in the blaze in Chatham Hill in September.

Ms Crook's brother Bohdan Crook was also injured as he attempted to escape.

At Maidstone Crown Court this upcoming Wednesday, Danai Muhammadi, Farhad Mahmud and Emma Smith will stand trial. All deny the allegations.

COURTS

Three-year ban for football thug after starting fight at Gills cup tie

A 20-YEAR-OLD kitchen porter has been banned from attending any football match for three years after being found guilty of trying to start a fight in the run-up to Gillingham's FA Cup clash with Stoke City in January.

Jordan Brads of Arden Street, Gillingham, was arrested shortly before kick-off at Priestfield of the eagerly-awaited clash with the Premier League side on January 7.

Specialist officers from Kent Police's Football Crime Unit intervened when they spotted a group of unruly Gillingham supporters heading towards the football stadium.

Brads was seen throwing a beer can at the head of a rival supporter and then started swinging punches at other Stoke supporters.

While officers were dealing with another man from the Gillingham group, Brads managed to make his way inside the stadium, where he was arrested by police officers, a short while later in the Brian Moore Stand.

He was subsequently charged with a public order offence.

Brads appeared before Medway Magistrates' Court on Tuesday where he was found guilty.

He was sentenced to a 12-month conditional discharge, £85 costs and a three-year football banning order.

The orders are a preventative measure designed to stop potential troublemakers from

travelling to and attending football matches, both at home and abroad. Breaching the order is a criminal offence and is punishable by a maximum sentence of six months in prison.

It is the second successful banning order for the police's Football Crime Unit which was set up in July 2011, after a change in the law that meant 'regulated games' included non-league football matches.

All major football fixtures in Kent are covered by the unit, including Gillingham, Ebbsfleet, Dartford, Dover and Tonbridge.

Attached to the unit are dedicated 'football spotters', specially trained officers who monitor tensions and behaviour within football stadiums and also look out for those who have previously been banned from football grounds.

Chief Superintendent Alasdair Hope said: "The majority of football fans are good natured, and genuinely want to support their team.

"They should be able to do that, without being subjected to offensive and criminal behaviour, and that applies just as much to club stewards as well. This sends out a strong message to the minority of people who get involved in violence and disorder.

"Be warned - you will be arrested, we'll take you to court and we'll do everything within our power to support the courts in banning you from entering a football ground for several years."



Spring into Action

at Swallows Leisure Centre
& Sheppey Leisure Complex



Memberships
from just
50p per day

No joining fee

**all part of
feeling
great**

Swallows Leisure Centre
Tel: 01795 420420

See website for details
www.swalleleisure.com

Sheppey Leisure Complex
Tel: 01795 668061

See website for details
www.sheppeyleisure.com

* Terms and conditions apply, prices based on 30 day month and our off peak Sheppey Membership



Halo Retreats

Present a Spiritual Retreat Extravaganza



Steve Holbrook Tim Wheeler Nicky Alan

Sasha Fenton Gaynor Thompson Lynn Gosney & many more

SHOW TICKETS £15

Discounts for large groups

Tim Wheeler Friday 20th April 7.30 -10.30 pm

Steve Holbrook Saturday 21st April 7.30 -10.30 pm

Nicky Alan Sunday 22nd April 7.30 -10.30 pm

1 DAY PASS £85 inc lunch, dinner & eve show

3 DAY PASS £220 inc lunch dinner & eve show

1 night package, full board inc all workshops, shows £135

2 night package, full board inc workshops, shows £235

Excellence in Spiritual Teaching

The retreat includes mediumship demonstrations, one to one readings, inspired music concerts, Shamanic, palmistry, tarot, mediumship development, numerology, Angels, Wiccan, metaphysical, Astrology workshops and much, much more ! So come along and spend the best spiritual weekend with like minded people. Become Enlightened, Become Whole, Become You!

E mail competition: WIN a telephone reading with Nicky Alan

Where Was Nicky Alan born ? (a) Wales (b) Scotland (c) Essex

E mail your answer to haloretreats@hotmail.co.uk

Draw will take place 22nd April at the evening show

At: The Inn on the Lake Hotel, Kent. April 19-23 (2012) £395 inclusive of all workshops & full board. To book contact

Janet Howard Telephone 01803 845800 Email haloretreats@hotmail.co.uk

For full itinerary of the holiday visit www.haloretreats.com

HEALTH CARE

Bedsore numbers tumble as duo win praise for hospital turnaround

By Marijke Cox

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

A HOSPITAL trust condemned last year for the staggering number of patients with bedsores has seen rates fall dramatically.

In little more than nine months, staff at Medway Maritime Hospital have turned things around and scooped a national award for their efforts.

Last year, Medway NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the hospital, came under fire after it was exposed as the second worst in the country for pressure sore – or bedsores – rates.

More than 140 bedsores were recorded between February 2010 and January 2011, but health chiefs defended the findings, saying some patients had sores before they arrived at the hospital.

Less than a year later, the hospital's dedicated tissue viability nurses Tarnia Harrison and Hayley Murray have been commended for their work in tackling the problem.

The pair scooped the 2012 British Journal of Nursing's award for pressure ulcer care after reducing bedsores by 28 per cent in 2011/12 and 39 per cent over the last two years.

Ms Harrison said: "We're so thrilled to have our work recognised in this way; it shows how seriously we take pressure sores in this trust.

"Over the last five years a lot of work has taken place to reduce sores. We actively check patients on admission to see how at risk they are so we can take precautions.

"For example, we use special air mattresses for high-risk patients to relieve the pressure on the skin.

"For the frailest patients we use what is known as a 'latera tilt bed'. These are very special beds which can be electronically tilted at 30 degrees so that no one part of the body is in contact with the mattress for too long.



IN PAIN: The incidence of bedsores at Medway NHS Foundation Trust have been reduced by 28 per cent in the last year

"Mattresses in the emergency department and theatres have also been changed and possible high-risk patients are turned during surgery so they're not kept in the same position."

Pressure ulcers develop when a patient stays in the same position for too long.

The sicker a patient is the less they move or re-adjust themselves in bed, meaning the flow of blood to parts of the body which have most contact with the mattress becomes restricted.

The skin then starts to break down and a sore or ulcer forms.

Nationally, bedsores killed more than 4,700 people between 2003 and 2008 – almost as many fatal cases as superbug MRSA.

Nurse Hayley Murray said everyone had made tackling pressure sores a high priority.

"The whole trust has been really supportive of

this work – everyone from the director of nursing to registered nurses and clinical support workers who work on the wards," she said.

Health charity Action Against Medical Accidents said while it welcomed the reduction in sores, it stressed there should be a zero-tolerance policy in place and bedsores should be a "never event".

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ 12,000ft leap of faith

ROB Smith has helped raise vital money for the Cardiomyopathy Association after leaping 12,000ft from a plane in memory of his late best friend Richard Mannooch.

Mr Mannooch died from the predominantly inherited heart condition last year – aged just 34.

South East Water IT project manager Mr Smith said: "I set up a tribute fund in his name and have been trying raise money ever since." He has raised around £2,000.

➔ The Ripper's return

JACK the Ripper's murderous notoriety comes to life at the Rochester Community Hub next month as an author and expert sheds a little light on one of the nation's most infamous criminals.

Ian Porter, who penned the novel Whitechapel, will deliver Jack the Ripper: The Nemesis of Neglect on May 15 at 7.30pm. The event is free to attend, but booking is essential. To reserve your place call 01634 337411.

➔ Duo for Dickens event

THE next meeting of the Rochester and Chatham Dickens Fellowship takes place next Thursday, April 19.

Held at Dickens World, it includes a talk by Susan Healey, chairman of the Dickens Fellowship Birthplace Portsmouth branch, and Professor Tony Pounton, chairman of the International Dickens Fellowship Council. For details on how to attend call 01474 834164.

MEDICAL

Mother's tribute to donor family as son survives after 251-day wait

LITTLE Joe Skerratt has created a new record after the three-year-old was kept alive with an artificial heart for than eight months.

The Gillingham toddler had to spend 251 days with the temporary replacement pumping blood around his body, before his parents finally received the phone call they had been waiting for informing them a heart was available for transplant.

Now he is back home and enjoying life after his original heart stopped three times, leaving doctors and family to fear the worse.

He had been diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy, a condition which meant his heart struggled to pump bloody around his body due to weak muscles.

After being treated at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, he was fitted with what is known as a Berlin heart – a device designed to support his heart and keep his body working while he waited for an organ to come available.

With a chronic shortage of organs available for transplant among children, he remained on

the Berlin heart for more than eight months.

His mother Rachel, who is now appealing for more people to become donors, said: "We are so grateful to the family which donated the heart.

"We cannot imagine what they went through and to make such a gesture at such an horrendous time is amazing.

"After 200 days on the Berlin heart we were beginning to fear the worse should a heart not be found. But then, on day 251 the call came. I remember time seeming to stand still as he was taken down to theatre to have it fitted."

Consultant paediatric cardiologist Dr Alessandro Giardini at Great Ormond Street said: "Joe was very lucky to be able to have a heart transplant.

"There is a chronic shortage of donor organs for children in the UK and at any one time we have several children in the hospital awaiting a transplant.

"Lots of children wait years for an organ to become available and can very sadly die while they are doing so."



SAVIOUR: Great Ormond Street Hospital

We are here to help make lives better with mobility, healthcare products and services.

But don't just take our word for it...

The stairlift I got from Ability Outlet is great, there was no mess and no fuss when installing it. Thank you.

M. Aitkinson

Purchased a Pride Go Go boot scooter, great scooter and great company to deal with.

Mr C. Adams

Very happy with my stairlift I couldn't believe how quick you got it installed, thank you.

Mrs Bell

I had a wetroom fitted from Ability Outlet and also a scooter from them, for both items the service was first class. The wetroom looks great and I am very happy with it.

Mr F. Ball

Since I have got my Rise and Recline chair I don't think I could ever be without it now, has helped me in so many ways. Thank you.

Mrs. Batchelor

abilityOutlet.co.uk



10% discount on ALL purchases with this advertisement!

Free Phone 0800 046 1647
info@abilityoutlet.co.uk

Ability Outlet
7 London Road
Rainham
Kent ME8 7RG
Tel: 01634 375537

Ability Outlet
11-13 Russell Street
Sheerness
Kent ME12 1PL
Tel: 01795 228386

Ability Outlet
346 High Street
Rochester
Kent ME1 1BT
Tel: 01634 566284

News

for more pictures and news go to www.yourmedway.co.uk

ART

Artist's bohemian life

AN illustrated talk on the popular French painter Toulouse Lautrec takes place at the Chatham Community Hub later this month.

Like a celebrity photographer, Toulouse Lautrec not only recorded life in bohemian 1890s Paris but he also became a part of it.

The illustrated talk is on April 24 at 7.30pm. Booking is essential, call 01634 337799.

CHARITY

Cyclists offering help for heroes

By Chris Britcher

chris.britcher@archant.co.uk

BRAVE serving and veteran Royal Engineers from Brompton Barracks will be taking part in a remarkable charity event which will see them cycle 500 miles in just six days.

The effort, which will take the fundraising team from the UK and into France for much of the challenge, hopes to raise more than £100,000 for the Help for Heroes charity.

The charity's volunteer co-ordinator, Steve Craddock, explained: "Team Sapper will be cycling from Chatham to Portsmouth, where we will meet up with the Big Battlefield Bike Ride. That sees more than 300 riders, including injured service personnel, take part.

"We will then cross to Le Havre



ON THE ROAD: The brave charity fundraising cyclists will cover approximately 500 miles in just six days

in France where we will cycle between numerous battlefield sites from both world wars en route.

"Upon completion of 380 miles pedalling across France we then travel to Dover. Upon docking in Dover, Team Sapper will then complete the journey back to Chatham.

"This journey is scheduled to take six days and be approximately 500-miles long."

To make matters more complicated, Regimental Sergeant Major of 1 Royal School of Military Engineers Regiment, Charlie Chaplin,

will be peddling the rickshaw used by the One Show's Matt Baker during his fundraising effort. The TV presenter pedalled from Edinburgh to London in a bid to raise funds for Children in Need.

And it is hoped the popular TV show may feature the rickshaw's new charity effort.

Adds Steve Craddock: "This will be a stern test as it is very heavy and does not have the range of gears of a normal road bike.

"But Charlie is really up for this challenge. The rest of the team will

be cycling on regular road bikes, because we're not mad."

To date, local fundraising efforts have collected more than £285,000 in three years, with £35,000 already secured towards its target of £100,000.

Formed in 2007, the Help for Heroes charity has become one of the most successful charities in years.

Designed to raise money for better facilities for British servicemen and women wounded in conflict, it has raised a staggering £100 million in under four years.

Got a legal problem but can't get out to see a Solicitor?

Let me come to you.

Hi, I'm Richard Ratcliffe and I deal with lots of people's legal problems. Whether you're buying or selling a house, dealing with an annoying neighbour or even if it's just a question of getting your house in order and making sure that your will is up to date.

This is my job. It's what I do.

Maybe I can help, just give me a ring.

RATCLIFFES Solicitors

Tel: 01795 477505

e-mail: office@ratcliffes.org

www.ratcliffesolicitors.co.uk

22 Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1DR

How far does your home insurance stretch?

We know your garden is part of your home, so our home insurance covers items you may have in your garden for up to £2500, even if they normally belong inside. We also cover trees, plants and shrubs for up to £2000. That may seem on the generous side, but when you come to make a claim we prefer not to disappoint.

For a home insurance quote, find your local branch at nfumutual.co.uk/branch



We do right by you



Conditions and limits apply.

NFU Mutual is The National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society Limited (No. 111982). Registered in England. Registered Office: Tiddington Road, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire CV37 7BJ. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. A member of the Association of British Insurers. For security and training purposes, telephone calls may be recorded and monitored.

SPORT

Bookies are ready for the rush as punters line up for Grand National

By Chris Murphy

yourmedway@kosmedia.co.uk

THE recession looks unlikely to stop the stampede of punters hurtling towards bookmakers this week ahead of Saturday's Grand National – one of the horse-racing calendar's biggest occasions.

With wallets under pressure like never before, bookies were concerned they would be hard hit this year. But initial analyses found the flood of £1-a-time hopefuls will still turn out, hoping for better odds than the lottery.

Even protests from groups like Animal Aid, which claims the course is cruel to the animals, will not be enough to put off those hoping to whip up a quick profit on Britain's favourite horse race.

Tony Woods at Coral in High Street, Chatham, said: "My advice for anyone having a bet on the Grand National is to get to the betting shop early.

"It's the busiest day of our year, and unique in that we see lots of people who only come in the shop on this day.



CHALLENGING: The Grand National is Britain's most popular horse race

"Don't be put off though, we're here to help, and it really is simple to have a flutter on the big race.

"Business will be as brisk as ever this year, we don't expect people will be cutting back for what is a national institution, and who knows, you might just back the winner."

A spokesman for Ladbrokes added: "The recession hasn't really had

much of a say in recent years and given the excitement at Cheltenham this year, we think more people than ever will tune in and bet."

And William Hill said: "This is horse racing's shop window event, where the once-a-year punters come out to be a part of what is the world's most famous race, and we don't expect there to be a drop in

levels as a result of the current climate. The industry saw healthy turnover levels during the recent Cheltenham Gold Cup, which is second only to the Grand National when it comes to betting, proving the recession hasn't affected the big race meetings."

But protest group Animal Aid is angry the National is made that much harder on the horses for the sake of excitement.

A spokesman said: "Every year around 400 horses are raced to death in Britain.

"At this event, the course is made deliberately difficult to add to the 'excitement' and has claimed the lives of 36 horses over the last decade. Animal Aid would like to see the Grand National banned.

"It is the one time during the year that most people will be tempted to place a bet – often caught up in a frenzy. It is precisely these people we need to reach and tell them about the true horrors of the horse racing industry."

The group is holding a protest at Aintree, the Liverpool race course which will host the race.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ CCTV funding cheers

FUNDING for additional CCTV cameras in Luton have been welcomed by local councillors.

Luton & Wayfield councillors Sam Craven, Christine Godwin and Tristan Osborne say they have been working for months with police and local business for improved coverage after complaints not enough was being done.

Cllr Craven said: "We will be working now to ensure the cameras are situated in the best locations."

➔ Park hosts play-offs

MEDWAY Park is staging a host of top national basketball action on Saturday with four national league finals taking place.

Staged by England Basketball, the climax of the Founders' Cup, Division Two women, and Division Three and Four men's competition will take place, with eight top teams heading in. The event is being staged in partnership with Medway Council and the Medway Park Crusaders club.

➔ Trust status meeting

THE Corn Exchange in Rochester is to host a public event to give local people the chance to find out more about the move to NHS Foundation Trust status.

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Trust is currently applying to become a foundation – a move that will give locals the opportunity to have a bigger say in the way it is run. It takes place in the High Street on April 25 at 6.30pm.

Gorrings

THE LEADING AUCTIONEERS IN THE SOUTH EAST

- Seven selected Fine Art, Antique and Collectable sales per year
- Weekly sales of antiques, collectables and general items from £40 to £1,000 (Payment made in two working days)
- Free internet listing for all sales
- Free auction estimates
- Valuations for Insurance and Probate
- House Clearance

William Gunning King (1859-1940) – Farmer with Herefords and Bibby's 'Cakettes', signed, oil on canvas, 19in x 15in Sold for £2,200



Entry deadline for our next selected sale

Wednesday 18 April

For advice and a valuation appointment please call

01892 556860

LOCAL FIREPLACE & APPLIANCE SHOWROOM

40 Fires on display with live models

We also supply and fit bespoke surrounds in Wood and Marble
Gas fires boiler service and repair landlords certificates



Radiant



Cookers



Living Flame



Fireplaces



BDL GAS SERVICES
01634 232048

9 High Street, Rainham, Kent, ME8 7HX www.bdlgasservices.co.uk

sale

To advertise in
this section
Call 01303 817150
www.kentnews.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

email: tunbridge.wells@gorringes.co.uk www.gorringsfineartauctions.com

Gorrings Tunbridge Wells LLP, 85 Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1PX

FREE ESTIMATES • FREE ESTIMATES • FREE ESTIMATES • FREE ESTIMATES • FREE ESTIMATES

FREE ESTIMATES • FREE ESTIMATES • FREE ESTIMATES • FREE ESTIMATES • FREE ESTIMATES

**WE WILL
COME
TO YOU**

WITH A SELECTION
OF SAMPLES,
ALL YOU HAVE TO
DO IS CHOOSE.
WE ALSO OFFER A

FREE
**ESTIMATING
AND MEASURING
SERVICE**

VAT FREE

**CARPET & BED
SALE**

**SPECIAL
OFFERS
ON 2/3
BEDROOM
HOUSES***

***ON
PRODUCTION OF
THIS ADVERT**

12 GOOD REASONS TO BUY FROM US...



- 1 **FREE** estimating
- 2 **FREE** measuring service
- 3 **FREE** freephone number
- 4 **ALL** fitting work guaranteed
- 5 **P.U.** Underlay 7mm at only £2.50 per sq. mtr
- 6 **Hessian** backed carpets at only £4 per sq. mtr
- 7 **25 years** experience
- 8 **Insurance** work undertaken
- 9 **Uptake** of old carpets and moving of furniture available (price on assessment)
- 10 **Pay** weekly scheme
- 11 **Top** quality divans
- 12 **Any** size mattress available



**Apollo Bunk Bed
+ Mattresses**

ONLY £199



**Double Metal
Frames +
Mattress**

FROM £179

HEAVY DUTY LOOP PILE FELT BACKED

83.72m2 (up to 100 sq. yds). Includes fitting, 7mm PU underlay & grips

£799

**Landlord
Specials**

HEAVY DUTY LOOP PILE FELT BACKED

58.6m2 (up to 70 sq. yds). Includes fitting, 7mm PU underlay & grips

£559

SPECIAL OFFER

3 rolls heavy duty gel backed carpet, green only
£10 sq. yd (£11.96m2)
Usually £15.99 sq. yd (£19.12m2)

HEAVY DOMESTIC NATURAL EFFECT

(up to 100 sq. yds). Includes fitting, underlay & grips

£999

STAIN RESISTANT TWIST PILE

83.72m2 (up to 100 sq. yds). Includes fitting, underlay & grips

£999

80/20 WOOL TWIST

Including fitting, underlay & grips (up to 70 sq. yds)

£999

**LARGE SELECTION
OF BEDS AVAILABLE
FROM STOCK
ANY SIZE MATTRESS
AVAILABLE FROM £45**

**NOW OPEN SUNDAYS
10am – 2pm**

**CRC CARPETS
AND BEDS LTD**

**OPEN MON - SAT
9AM - 5.30PM
SUNDAYS - 10AM - 2PM**



Yell.com

01634 581833 • 01634 571733



Yell.com

CARPET REMNANT CENTRE, 175 - 177 HIGH STREET, GILLINGHAM, KENT

FREEPHONE 0500 738393 - IT'S THAT EASY!

ENTERTAINMENT

EastEnders' Heather trots into town as Cinderella's lovely Fairy Godmother

By James Benjamin
yourmedway@kosmedia.co.uk

HER dramatic death sparked a ratings-winning plot twist in top soap EastEnders, but Heather Trott is set for a remarkable return after being confirmed as the star of this year's pantomime in Chatham.

Cheryl Ferguson, who played the Albert Square murder victim, will appear in the Central Theatre's family show of Cinderella this winter.

She will play the Fairy Godmother, as producers of the show, Evolution Productions, unveiled their first details for the festive box office money-spinner.

It will be Ms Ferguson's first ever pantomime role.

The actress said: "I'm thrilled to be playing the part. I've heard theatre and Medway audiences are brilliant, so it's going to be loads of fun."

The star had been a regular in the

BBC soap since 2007 before writers killed her off in dramatic fashion last month when she was murdered by Phil Mitchell's troubled son Ben. Viewers were then left asking whether he would confess to the crime.

Although best known for her role in the square, she has been a familiar face in many popular TV shows including Doctor Who, Little Britain, Casualty, Bad Girls, The IT Crowd, and 'Allo 'Allo.

Pantomime producer Paul Hendy added: "We're really proud and excited that Cheryl will be headlining our cast. She's such a great character both on screen and off, and is hugely popular with viewers of all ages, so we know she's going to go down a storm in Chatham this Christmas."

She follows in the footsteps of rapper Vanilla Ice who headlined performances of Peter Pan as Captain Hook.

Cinderella runs from December 13 to January 6. Details of other cast members will be confirmed later this summer.

And despite the fact summer has not yet got under way, you can snap up your seat for the festive season already, with tickets for the shows already on sale.

STAR: Cheryl Ferguson, aka Heather Trott, will appear in panto Cinderella

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Appeal after attack

A FIGHT in Chatham during the afternoon left one man needing hospital treatment for a suspected broken wrist, as police seek witnesses to the incident.

A 31-year-old man said he was assaulted during a dispute with another man at premises on Military Road on March 27 between 4.30-4.45pm. Police say they want to hear from a witness who separated the two men or who may have any other information.

➔ Olympic licence call

THE Federation of Small Businesses has teamed up with TV Licensing to remind firms across Medway to make sure they have a licence in place ahead of the Olympic Games.

Officers want to remind companies they need a licence if they intend to bring a screen in. Emma Cowland from TV Licensing said: "By getting a licence for £145.50 owners and managers will give themselves peace of mind rather than face a fine of up to £1,000."

➔ Theatre's workshop

TECHNICAL crew from the Central Theatre will take centre stage for a change when they host a summer workshop that promises to reveal the tricks of their trade.

It will give those attending the chance to discover the skills needed to stage theatrical productions. Two one-week courses take place in August with 30 places available on each. Places cost £85. For details call 01634 338338.



**OPEN 7 DAYS
SAME DAY DELIVERY**

MAIN BRANCH
56-80 Delce Rd
Rochester ME1 2DQ

ALSO AT
122 Delce Rd
Rochester ME1 2DT

• BUILDERS MERCHANTS •

01634 845740

01634 409754



DECORATIVE
AGGREGATES



FENCING
& TRELLIS



COMPOST
& BARK



DECKING
& TIMBER



JUMBO BAGS £26.67
CEMENT £2.70

- BRICKS • BLOCKS • SLABS • PAVING • AGGREGATES • JUMBO BAGS • BUILDING SAND • SHARP SAND • BALLAST • TOPSOIL • TYPE 1 • DECORATIVE STONE
- P SHINGLE • PLUM SLATE • TIMBER • SHEETING • MOULDINGS • HARDWOODS • PLUMBING • DRAINAGE • IRONMONGERY • GLASS • LINTELS • FENCING
- TRELLIS • CONCRETE POSTS • GRAVEL BOARDS • FIXINGS • LOGS • CALOR GAS • COMPOST • COAL • FELT • PERSPEX • ARCHITRAVES • SKIRTING



740X980 TIMBER
WINDOW & FLASHING
£199+ VAT



FREE BRICK
MATCHING SERVICE



SAME DAY
DELIVERY



ARCHITRAVES
& SKIRTING



NATURAL STONE
PAVING

ALL PRICES EXCLUSIVE OF VAT & CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING

www.homeandgardendiy.co.uk

SPRING DEALS NOW ON EX-DISPLAY MODELS REDUCED TO CLEAR



Starlight

Limestone fireplace suite
just £400*



(*supply only)

Exford

surround with gas
fire just £550*



Wisteria

fireplace suite (exc. fire)
just £499*

LOG BURNERS REDUCED TO CLEAR

subject to availability

**OPENING
TIMES**

Mon-Fri 9-4

Sat 10-4

NEW 2012 RANGES NOW ON DISPLAY

VISIT OUR FRIENDLY SHOWROOM

**Professional, Gas Safe registered
fitting service available**



Tel/Fax: 01795 599234

**2 Castle Court, Castle Road, Eurolink Industrial Estate,
Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3TD**

www.the-fireplace.net

**THE
FIREPLACE**

News

for more pictures and news go to www.yourmedway.co.uk

NAUTICAL



SET SAIL: Thames sailing barge the Edith May

Family pride as restored barge named UK's flagship

By Ed Hill

ed.hill@archant.co.uk

A THAMES sailing barge based on the River Medway has been named Flagship of the Year by National Historic Ships UK.

The Edith May, which berths at Lower Halstow, has been given the honour because of the public events she will be involved in this year.

The award is designed to promote the part historic vessels play in the heritage of the UK to the public.

The winning vessel receives a swallow-tailed pennant to fly from the top of her mast and a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of keeping the vessel in operational condition and open for public viewing.

Ed Gramsden, whose family own the barge, said: "We are delighted and really proud. She is a fantastic vessel and we feel she has earned the accolade."

Mr Gramsden's father, Geoff, bought the barge 13 years ago. At that time she was in a poor state of repair and the family spent the next 10 years restoring her.

Mr Gramsden said: "My father has been interested in barges all his life. She languished in Upnor for a few years. He kept looking at her and finally bought her for very little – but the restoration has cost a lot. My dad had already restored a Whitstable oyster smack and my grandfather, who was a trained carpenter and joiner, gave a lot of help and advice."

"Over 10 years as a family, and with some help from others, we managed to restore her."

Edith May is an 86-foot wooden barge originally built in Essex in 1906, to carry wheat, grain and other cargo to London.

This year the barge will be involved in Rochester's Sweeps Festival as a music venue, the Medway Dickens Festival and sailing barge races on the east coast. She will also be taking part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee River Pageant in London in June.

Mr Gramsden said: "We also charter the barge all-year-round so people can get an idea of what it is like to sail a Thames barge."

Martyn Heighton, director of National Historic Ships UK, said: "I am delighted that in the year of the Diamond Jubilee Pageant the status of 'flagship' has been awarded to a vessel specifically designed to trade on the River Thames."

"The wide range of activities in which Edith May is involved will make this beautiful vessel accessible to a very large number of people."

HISTORY

Bridge trust's donation helps restoration project

HISTORIC church doors dating back to medieval times have been restored after fundraisers hit a £27,500 target – and given a major helping hand by the Rochester Bridge Trust.

The preservation project at St Mary's Church in Hunton, near Maidstone, was launched after three of the church's large wooden oak doors – two of which were dated to

1420 – were in urgent need of repair.

And £1,360 of the total amount needed was donated by the Rochester Bridge Trust – which maintains and helps fund crossings across the Medway and makes grants for educational purposes or church restorations.

Russell Race, senior warden at the trust, said: "Rochester Bridge Trust has a proud tradition of making

grants to educational, religious and other charitable institutions and we were delighted to help St Mary's achieve their fundraising goals."

Rochester Bridge Trust is inviting applications from charitable organisations to the first round of its 2012 community grants programme.

All applications must be submitted before June 29. Details can be seen at www.rbt.org.uk.



OPEN UP: Restored church door

Our totally amazing

SPRING SPECTACULAR

20% OFF OUR MASSIVE SELECTION OF **OAK** AND PINE FURNITURE

We are open Good Friday 6th April & Monday 9th April 9.30 – 5.00

'Grandeur' Oak Dining & Occasional Collection eg Double Pedestal Extending Dining Table Was £799.80 **Now £639.80 20% off**

'Badger' Deep bookcase with adjustable shelves eg approx. 72" x 31" Was £209.80 **Now £167.80 20% off**

'Kent' Oak Small Sideboard **1/2 PRICE** Was £349.80 **Now £159.75**

'Marlow' Oak Bedroom Collection eg large wardrobe with central mirror Was £749.80 **Now £599.80 20% off**

'Country Cottage' Painted Bedroom Collection with Oak Tops eg 3 + 4 chest Was £429.80 **Now £309.80 27% off**

Oak Magazine Rack £29.80 **20% OFF** **£23.80**

Oak Shoe Rack £79.80 **20% OFF** **£63.80**

Oak Display Cabinet £499.80 **1/2 PRICE** **£249.75**

Oak Nest of Tables £239.80 **1/2 PRICE** **£119.75**

Oak Plant Stand £149.80 **20% OFF** **£119.75**

Oak Cupboard (wide or tall) £299.80 **20% OFF** **£239.75 each**

Spice Drawer Dresser eg 4' size (brockery not included) Was £499.80 **Now £399.50 20% OFF**

Oak TV Cabinet £399.80 **1/2 PRICE** **£199.75**

Single Pedestal Oak Desk £399.80 **1/2 PRICE** **£199.75**

Pine coffee table Small £94.80 **20% OFF** **£75.90** Medium £149.80 **20% OFF** **£119.75** Large £199.80 **20% OFF** **£159.75**

OUR PRICE GUARANTEE

We will not be beaten on price

Please visit our website for details

PINE & THINGS

Furnishers

Wincheap Road (junc. with A2, Retail Park) Canterbury, Kent CT1 3TY

www.pineandthings.co.uk Tel: 01227 470283 ESTABLISHED 30 YEARS. OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

SANDHU

FISH, CHIPS & KEBABS | 01634 577964
2 Franklin Road, Gillingham ME7 4DF

25% OFF With this Voucher
FISH, CHIPS & KEBABS

2 Franklin Road, Gillingham ME7 4DF Telephone Orders Welcome
*Not to be used in conjunction with any other promotion. • Valid on all transactions up to a maximum of £20
• Valid only between Friday 13 April – Friday 20 April.

**To advertise in
this section**
Call 01303 817150
www.kentnews.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

News

READER OFFER

Exclusive Great British Home Show offer – buy two tickets for just £12

Book today and enter a prize draw to upgrade to a special VIP package

THE Great British Home Show Jubilee special, sponsored by Anglian Home Improvements, is taking place from May 31-June 4 at Bluewater's Glow and will showcase all that is best about home improvement and enhancement.

Aimed to coincide with the long Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend, visitors will be able to see the very best in furnishings and decor for every room in the home, as well as some spectacular garden ideas with show gardens especially designed for the event.

Experts will be running seminars and workshops providing useful advice and information for homeowners, from how to best use colour in your home, to planning an extension.

Craig Phillips, DIY expert and Big Brother winner will be running tiling workshops, while BBC DIY SOS architectural designer Oliver Heath will give insights into the future of home trends and eco-living.



STAR TURN: Alyis Fowler and Craig Phillips will be at the show

Alyis Fowler, Guardian gardening columnist and BBC gardener, will also show you how to make your garden good enough to eat.

To celebrate, we are offering a special discounted ticket offer where you can buy two one-day tickets for only £12. If you take advantage of this special offer before April 30, 2012, you will be entered into a prize draw to have your ticket upgraded to a VIP package which will include:

■ A champagne lunch

■ Meet with celebrity experts for one-to-one advice
■ Great British Home Show goody bag
■ VIP area to relax with tea and coffee all day

To book your special discounted tickets and to be in with the chance to upgrade to a VIP package, call the ticket hotline on 0871 2200 260 quoting the discount code KOS1. Alternatively, book online at www.gbhomeshow.co.uk/tickets entering discount code KOS1 in the offer box.

Create your homes personality

with PVCu and aluminium windows, doors and conservatories

Our comprehensive range of products are designed to suit any style or architecture and are tailor made to meet your individual needs.

Buy with confidence - we offer a 10 year guarantee and are approved by CPA.
We are a family run business offering helpful, honest advice - no pushy salesmen!

Turn your house into a home and save money on your energy bills too!



Unit 17 Riverside, Sir Thomas Longley Road, Strood, Kent ME2 4DP
Call us on **01634 712432**

Email us: pjrwindows@aol.com

www.pjrwindowsltd.co.uk



News



FIRE SAFETY

Arson worries spark warning

FIRE crews say more than 50 fires were started deliberately over the Easter holidays – with fears youngsters sparking blazes could one day end up dead or in jail.

Firefighters say they have been called out to a host of fires set alight in rubbish, grassland, bushes and trees.

Of more than 119 grassland and rubbish blazes across the county, 85 are thought to have been arson – half of them caused by youngsters aged 17 or under on their Easter holidays.

Among the hot-spot areas has been Saltings Road and the recreation and cricket ground in Snodland, and Coney Bank and the Great Lines in Chatham and Gillingham.

Kent Fire & Rescue Service community safety manager, Stuart Skilton, said: “Whether started deliberately or through carelessness, these fires can easily spread out of control, destroying wildlife and putting people’s lives, including those of firefighters, and property at risk.

“The consequences for individuals caught committing arson are serious and can result in large fines or several years in jail – possibly a life sentence if someone is killed as a result of their actions.”

Holiday Homes For Sale



A holiday home at Harts Holiday Park is a place that the whole family can enjoy for years to come and just look at what's included:

- A holiday home of your very own by the sea
- One of the most sought after areas on the North Kent coast
- Just yards from the beach
- Fantastic park facilities and entertainment
- A small, friendly park community
- Ideal location for exploring Kent

Park refurbishment for 2012
Lowest site fees on the island
Part exchanges welcome from other parks
Open 10 months a year

MANAGER'S SPECIAL



- Open plan lounge and dining area
- Two bedroom
- Modern kitchen with a range of units, oven, hob, and fridge
- Family shower room

£8995
inc 2012 pitch fees
Limited availability

Plus save up to **£4000**
on new holiday homes

Call today to arrange a park visit on
0845 815 9726 Local call rate
www.ParkHolidays.com/hartssales
Leysdown Road, Leysdown-on-Sea, Isle of Sheppey, Kent, ME12 4RG





Lakeside Timber

Enjoy the fruits of your labour this summer

Decking | Building Materials | Power Tools | Don't Delay, Call Us Today 01634 853067

Comment & Opinion

for more pictures and news go to www.kentnews.co.uk

OPINION

Sending out all the right signals

The digital TV revolution is about to hit Kent. **Tony Gray** from Digital UK offers a switchover guide for any worried viewers still out there...

IN A night of savage winter storms a couple of years ago, I stood in a seaside village hall extolling the virtues of digital television.

From the back of the room, a white-haired old man looking every inch an Old Testament prophet called out: "I tell you it just won't bloody work! And even if it does, no-one will be able to understand it. You are murdering the best television service in the world."

Hundreds of village meetings later, I'm quietly relieved to say the Jeremiahs seem to have been proved wrong. The homicide squad haven't come knocking on my door yet.

This Wednesday, analogue TV signals will be turned off for viewers in north Kent who pick up their signal from the Crystal Palace transmitter in London.

Switchover in other parts of Kent starts on 30 May and runs throughout June.

By next Wednesday, 89 per

cent of the UK – more than 23 million homes – will have switched successfully from analogue to digital-only television.

It's the biggest change in British broadcasting in nearly half a century.

There are three simple, golden rules to make sure your TV screen doesn't go blank at digital switchover:

1. If you're still watching four or five channels on analogue TV, convert it with a digital box costing on average £25.
2. If you already watch Freeview (digital TV through an aerial), retune your equipment to avoid losing channels.
3. If you have satellite or cable TV, you don't need to do anything.

Virtually every analogue TV can be converted to digital and most homes will be fine with the aerial they have at the moment.

Switchover is happening so that high-power Freeview channels can be broadcast to almost every home, including free high-definition TV channels.

Quite rightly, everyone asks me how older and disabled people will survive.

A couple of weeks ago, I met a 92-year-old lady in one of our advice centres.

She sat down for a quick lesson in how to fit a digital box, went straight home to convert all the TVs in her house... then came back with home-made chocolate cupcakes to say thank you.

"I'm delighted I could do it," she said with a smile. "It was a great feeling to be able to tell my grandson I didn't need his help with new technology."

Cupcakes aside, there's lots of help and information available for everyone.

For those aged 75 or older, or with certain disabilities, the Switchover Help Scheme can



6699

Three rules to making sure your TV screen doesn't go blank

provide everything you need to switch one TV to digital and the scheme is still open. (Action with Communities in Rural Kent is looking for volunteers to help out with this work in small communities. Email kathy.bugden@ruralkent.org.uk if you're interested.)

The digital switchover roadshows, with their bright pink vans, are coming soon to a shopping centre near you.

Every home in Kent will receive a free 20-page guide in the post. Pop-up captions and advertisements appear regularly on your TV screens.

If all that fails and you still haven't done anything by the time switchover arrives, your TV screen will go blank.

But I'm determined it won't come to that.

[To find out when and how the digital TV switchover works where you live, visit www.digitaluk.co.uk or call 08456 50 50 50.]

KOS COMMENT

Remember to plan space for the dead

IF THERE'S one thing in life that's inevitable, it's death, meaning the problem of finding new burial space is something that generations before us and generations after us have had and will have to tackle.

The fact that there is little burial space left in parts of Kent is nobody's fault, except, you could argue, that planning should have started earlier.

Then again, planning for a cemetery is not like planning a new house. There are strict rules to be followed, which means that any such plan can take years to be agreed.

Councils talk about the importance of housing for future generations, but a resting place for those departing this world is also greatly needed.

A horrendous loss

ONE hundred years ago this weekend, more than 1,500 people died in the sinking of the Titanic.

The disaster had a devastating impact across the globe, something that is still felt today.

This weekend, take a moment to remember all those who perished.

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS



SPONSORED BY **Kent on Sunday**

OPEN ON 26TH & 27TH MAY 2012, QUEX PARK ESTATE, BIRCHINGTON, KENT

Daily Admission Prices: Adults & OAPS £3.00, Children under 13 years old FOC
(pets are permitted - owners must clean up after their animals)
FREE Parking



KENTEVENTS



Feedback

Letters/emails/twitter

Church of
Saint Thomas
the Apostle at
Harty on Isle of
Sheppey
by Rita Keatley
from Canterbury



IMAGES OF KENT

To see your photo printed here, email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk, or post it to Archant KOS Media, Images of Kent, Apple Barn, Hythe Rd, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SS. We cannot return prints, and please do not send negatives. Digital images must be no less than 200dpi.

Sea change for drought issue

DOES the sinking of the Titanic publicity – featuring hot and cold, fresh and sea water – offer another possible solution to our present drought?

The water companies appear to give a low priority to delivery by stopping leaks and supplying the needs of our households, industry and farmers.

Such solutions as a water grid – piping water from Scotland – or bringing it south via our canal systems appear to offend water companies' territorial ethos and receive lower consideration than their bonuses.

Why don't the water companies follow the example set by the Titanic – no I am not advocating drowning their management – but simply laying an extra water pipe to each house (or at least schools, public facilities such as

swimming baths, town halls and major industry complexes) carrying sea water to take care of their loo requirements and other non-essential water activities.

New household industries could arrive as washing machines and other white goods are adapted or receive additives to make them sea water friendly – problem solved.

**Edward La Coste,
Lamberhurst**

Ukip offer the only solution

WE do not have a coalition government, what we have is a dictatorship of two very rich men who don't care one iota for England.

I have just seen a family whom I have known all my life leave to live elsewhere because this government has made them bankrupt.

What would they have to look forward to if they stayed: a means test after working all

their lives to ensure they had a comfortable retirement?

And they are not alone; you cannot fight a dictatorship.

I have voted for the Tory Party all my life, but they won't get my vote next time.

I am voting for Ukip, and I only hope all who love our country will vote for them also, they are the only party who seem to care about the land we fought for and are now losing without a fight.

The other parties have had their chance – now time for a drastic change.

John R O'Neon, Folkestone

Vote against usual suspects

TAX reductions and changes benefiting businesses and the better-off are being 'mis-sold' on the basis they will create jobs and growth. They won't.

The old bust-to-boom solutions will no longer work.

Government austerity measures and unemployment

are taking money from ordinary shoppers' pockets, and reducing tax receipts, thereby contracting the economy, whereas, much of wealthier individuals and businesses increased net disposable income is being 'hoarded' or spent outside the UK.

Austerity measures are merely starting, with far worse to come. Government is relying on 'growth' to reduce its deficit. Even optimistically, this growth would be marginal, because it has ignored technology and population factors and wrongly assumes that 'corrections' will occur as previously.

As financial institutions that largely created our national and global economic crisis would say: "The past is not a guide to the future."

Parliament is responsible for: allowing this disaster to happen; the ineffectual measures being taken; and their effect on the lower paid, including pensioners.

Therefore, may I urge that we use the May local elections

to signal our disapproval and lack of confidence in the current government, by not voting for their candidates.

A low vote for those candidates would send that message.

Local candidates are not themselves responsible for our worsening national situation – but their political parties and national leaders are.

**John Dutton,
Tunbridge Wells**

Good work is there already

I WAS interested to read your recent article about the Big Society Co-operative and an interview with its founder Stephen Bell.

However, I was somewhat surprised to see Mr Bell's suggestion that the types of services this new organisation intends to offer to are not easily available elsewhere.

In fact the voluntary sector in Kent is already well served

by a network of support and development organisations, both volunteer centres and councils for voluntary service.

Your readers can find details of their local services on the Kent Centres of Voluntary Excellence website at www.volunteercentreskent.org.uk/.

Having worked in the voluntary sector for more than 25 years I am keenly aware of the need for good infrastructure services and so welcome any initiative which can strengthen the support available, especially in the current economic climate.

I do, however, hope Mr Bell and his new organisation will consult with, and complement, the existing services and not simply reinvent the wheel.

**Sue Tucker,
development officer
Canterbury District
Voluntary Action and
Support**

ABC should lead the way

THE latest figures for youth unemployment in Ashford show yet another depressing increase with more than 650 of our 18 to 24-year-olds on Job Seekers Allowance – 7.6 per cent compared to the South East average of 5.7 per cent.

Meanwhile the number of those unemployed for more than 12 months has doubled since February last year.

While we, in the Ashford Independent Group, believe voluntary work experience programmes have a place, we believe more traditional apprenticeship schemes and extended work experience offer young unemployed the best route to gaining a long-term career. And it seems central government agrees by extending the minimum duration of new apprenticeships.

What is disappointing is that Ashford Borough Council has fallen woefully behind its neighbouring local authorities in supporting these excellent programmes.

With the numbers of unemployed 18-24 year olds rising across the borough, a strong Chamber of Commerce and local companies renowned for their community engagement we could, and should, be doing better.

Come on ABC, bite the bullet and take a lead.

**Tony Bartlett,
Ashford Independent
Association**

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA...WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS



Write to: KOS Feedback
Apple Barn, Smeeth,
Ashford TN25 6SS



Email:
editorial@kosmedia.co.uk



Online:
www.kentnews.co.uk



Twitter:
[@kosmedia](https://twitter.com/kosmedia)

Please include your name and address, although these will be withheld in exceptional circumstances. Please also include your daytime telephone number for verification (this will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters.

Editor: Ian Patel
Address: Apple Barn, Smeeth, Kent TN25 6SS
Editorial:
Telephone 01303 817100;
Fax 01303 817002;
Email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk
Advertising:
Telephone 01303 817150;
Fax 01303 817001;
Email sales@kosmedia.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

© 2011 Archant KOS Media
Printed by Newsfax

MyMoney24.co.uk

Edited by **Adam Aiken**



Vagaries of inheritance tax in black and white

Q MY wife and I understand we can avoid inheritance tax by gifting property now, as long as we then live for seven years. However, would capital gains tax be payable? We have made wills leaving enough to our daughters and grandchildren to use up the tax-exempt amount, with everything above that passing to whichever of us is the survivor. This means that on the second death, anything above the exempt slice will be taxed at 40pc. Is there any publication that would help us?

A AS you clearly know, anything passing from one spouse to the other escapes inheritance tax. There are other exemptions, too, including bequests to charity. And, of course, the first £325,000 of your estate is exempt. The advantage of making major gifts now is that after seven years those gifts will drop out of your estate completely and escape inheritance tax. Capital gains tax could be due if gifts consist of stocks and shares or similar assets that would be subject to gains tax if you sold them. But gains tax is 18pc or 28pc, depending on your overall tax position – well below the 40pc inheritance tax rate. And, if you gift money rather than taxable assets, there is no gains tax. The consumer organisation Which? publishes a useful book about ways of ensuring your family will benefit rather than the taxman. *Giving & Inheriting* costs £10.99 from the Which? order line (01903 828 557).

Q MY parents have offered to invest £500 in premium bonds for each of our two children, who are aged four and two. My husband and I are very grateful, but we are concerned about what might happen if, say, our daughter's bonds won £1m and our son's bonds won nothing. It would affect them for the rest of their lives. Is there any legally binding way to put the full £1,000 into bonds in their joint names?

A ACCORDING to the rules, premium bonds have to be in the name of one person. They cannot be held jointly. You can get round this, though. While your children are under 16, any prizes will be paid to you, so you could simply split the money between them. However, I suppose there is always the chance that 20 years from now, the child whose bond won a big prize might ask awkward questions, or even threaten to sue you for the "missing" half that had gone to the other child. So if your parents agree, my suggestion is to register the bonds in your name. You will get a certificate for £1,000 in bonds, and you can make a note on it to say that it belongs to your children. Then you can share any prizes between them without risking one child trying later to demand the lot.

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



Q YOU wrote recently about the safety of company pension schemes. I left a company in 1986, with a pension frozen until my retirement, when it was found that pension funds were missing. Did the Pension Protection Fund that you mentioned only affect pension schemes after it was launched in 2005, and how quickly does it step in and start payments to pensioners? Is there any link between it and something called the Financial Assistance Scheme?

A THE Pension Protection Fund was set up by Parliament in 2004, to help people whose company pension scheme had gone bust. The key date is April 6, 2005, when it opened for business. The PPF can help only if the pension scheme got into trouble and started to be wound up on or after that date. The fund aims to step in within 28 days of problems arising and take over payments at 90pc-100pc of agreed pensions. The similar Financial Assistance Scheme is now run by the PPF, but can help members of pension schemes already in trouble before the PPF began.

Q PLEASE explain how advertisements can suggest putting £10,680 into a tax-free Isa scheme when the legal limit is only £5,340. Are the advertisements aimed at couples?

A THERE are two types of individual savings account (Isa). You can put £10,680 into a stocks and shares Isa, or up to £5,340 in a cash Isa and the balance into shares, as long as you do not exceed £10,680 in all.

Q I AM 18 and earn less than the tax threshold but I still have to pay national insurance. Why are the starting points not the same?

A THE tax and national insurance systems developed separately. The Government would like to merge them with the same thresholds, but this is not easy. People already retired have paid for their state pensions and now pay no more national insurance, so merging the two systems would mean pensioners paying extra tax for no extra benefit.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Paying hidden price for overseas transactions

Be careful how you use your debit card abroad, otherwise the charges can quickly mount up, says **ADAM AIKEN**

DEBIT cards are seen by many people as the easy way to pay for goods and services.

They are accepted in most shops, you can often use them to get cash-back when you make a purchase, you can use them online, and they are free to use.

Well, up to a point...

Debit cards might be free to use in the UK, but if you try to use one while you are abroad, you are likely to be stung with high charges, for both purchases and cash withdrawals.

Occasional usage is probably bearable for most people, but it won't take long for these charges to mount up if you use a card overseas regularly.

"Debit card charges for overseas transactions continue to be a major bugbear for consumers," said Andrew Hagger, a spokesman for Money.net.co.uk.

"While a debit card costs you nothing to use in the UK, in the majority of cases you will be charged for cash withdrawals and purchases when abroad.

"Many customers choose their current accounts based on the credit or debit interest rates, yet for people who travel abroad, a fee-free debit card could save them far more over the course of a year."

A few providers, such as Metro Bank, and Norwich and Peterborough Building Society, offer fee-free debit cards, but the vast majority of cards come with high charges. And most of these cards impose not one, but two charges every time they are used – a foreign loading fee plus a transaction or withdrawal fee.

If you were charged a loading fee of 2.75pc and a withdrawal fee of 2pc, you would be stung for £4.75 for making a withdrawal of £100 in foreign currency. And don't forget that banks and building societies also impose their own exchange rates on you when they convert your transactions into sterling.

Mr Hagger said: "If you look at a scenario in which a family is on holiday for two weeks in the sun, and they make five cash withdrawals of the equivalent of £100 and eight debit card purchases worth £50, they could easily be faced with a total charges bill of £45 or £50."

People would never entertain the idea of using a cash card in the UK that charged you so much for withdrawing our own money, but we seem to be more accepting of it when it comes to overseas use.

Louise Holmes, a spokesman for



TIPS ON USING DEBT CARDS ABROAD

- 1) Debit cards are linked to current accounts, so check your account balance (and overdraft facility, if relevant) before you go.
- 2) Check the expiry date on your card. You don't want it running out while you're abroad.
- 3) Find out how much you will be charged for purchases and cash withdrawals. For example, it's possible that making a few, larger withdrawals will cost you less than making many smaller ones.
- 4) Let your bank or building society know you will be overseas. If you do not do this, you run the risk that your card provider sees foreign transactions as fraudulent, and blocks the card.

DYNAMIC CURRENCY CONVERSION

WHETHER or not you have a debit card that charges you for using it abroad, take care not to fall for "dynamic currency conversion".

This is the idea that a retailer or a restaurateur offers you the chance to pay in either local currency or sterling. Although your initial thought might be to be paid in sterling, you'll almost certainly lose out.

"While this sounds a good idea in that you know how much you'll be charged, the problem is that it gives the retailer the opportunity to use an uncompetitive exchange rate, which could see you paying over the odds by 3pc or 4pc," said Andrew Hagger at Money.net.

In most all situations, complete the transaction in the local currency and let your bank make the conversion at its own exchange rate.

Moneyfacts.co.uk, said planning was key for travellers who did not have fee-free cards.

"Many of us are used to free banking, so it can be easy to assume we won't be charged for using our debit cards overseas," she said.

"This can be a costly mistake, however, with charges applied both for taking money out of a cash machine and for making purchases in stores abroad. Minimum charges will apply when withdrawing cash abroad, so it may be worth planning a few days ahead based on your plans for the holiday.

"In the midst of having fun, it can be difficult to keep a close eye on

spending and overseas charges can soon mount up."

Mr Hagger added: "It is better that you are aware of these charges before you jet off, rather than get a nasty shock when you get home, so contact your bank to find out what charges are applicable for both purchases and cash transactions when outside the UK.

"At least if you understand the overseas charges, you can adjust your spending pattern accordingly.

"For example, you don't want to be making cash withdrawals or purchases of £10 or £20 if you're going to be hit with charges of £1.50-plus each time."

READER OFFER Holidays

Call 01895 83 33 33
for bookings and information



Holidays offered by **GN Holidays**, Higher Denham, Uxbridge UB9 5EL • Open: 9am to 5.30pm weekdays; 9.30am to 12.30pm Saturdays • Email: info@gnholidays.com • www.gnholidays.com

Corinth Canal, Greek Islands & Istanbul

Escorted Rail-Cruise from London, * Ebbsfleet & Ashford
Fly-Cruise also available

12 days

Quote GC10-KOS

From £1199pp

10 to 21 October, 2012

Join us on this rare opportunity to cruise through the amazing Corinth Canal, visit the breathtakingly beautiful Greek Islands and the amazing east-meets-west city of Istanbul - bustling, dynamic and full of heady aromas.

On our journey to join the cruise in the south of France we experience the thrill of European rail travel. We then cruise to some of the eastern Mediterranean's must-see destinations on board the mv Arion - one of very few liners able to pass through the Corinth Canal.

Accommodating up to 340 passengers, the Arion has a friendly and intimate atmosphere. She will



be exclusively reserved for guests from the UK with £ Sterling the main currency on board.

PORTS OF CALL:

- Embark France - Marseilles
- Italy - Sardinia
- Greece - Katakolon
- Greece - Corinth Canal
- Turkey - Istanbul
- Greece - Santorini
- Greece - Kefalonia
- Italy - Sicily
- Disembark Marseilles

INCLUDED:

- Escorted throughout
- Return rail travel from London St Pancras (*from Ashford/Ebbsfleet on request) or return flight from Gatwick to Marseilles
- 11-night Full-Board cruise sharing a standard inside cabin - upgrades available
- All transfers abroad

Floriade & Amsterdam River Cruise

Escorted Rail-Cruise from London, * Ebbsfleet & Ashford
5 days full board
From £599pp
Quote FL6-KOS

14 to 18 June, 2012

Come with us on a relaxing river cruise to Holland's Floriade Horticultural Expo held just once every decade.

From Amsterdam we cruise along peaceful Dutch waterways to Rotterdam via Utrecht, Nijmegen, Cuijk (for Floriade) and Dordrecht.

Our floating hotel is the charming ms Alegria, with just 50 en suite cabins, a large, cosy lounge with bar, a library and restaurant. To join the ship, we travel by train from London St Pancras (from Ebbsfleet & Ashford on request) to Amsterdam, via Brussels.

INCLUDED:

- Escorted throughout
- Return rail travel from London St Pancras (*from Ashford/Ebbsfleet on request) to Amsterdam -



Floral beauty abounds at Floriade



The ms Alegria

returning from Rotterdam
• 4-night full-board cruise sharing a standard outside cabin - upgrades available

- Entertainment
- Full-day visit to Floriade
- All transfers abroad



Mamma Mia Party

For over 40s only
Pontin's Pakefield Holiday Village, Suffolk Coast

Self drive, 3 nights half board PLUS 99p Bar
Quote MP5-KOS
£99pp

25 to 28 May, 2012

Join us for a party where the name of the game is fun. We're reviving the 70s & 80s when Abba reigned supreme and their songs were on everyone's lips. We have organised a fabulous private party weekend featuring Mamma Mia the Movie and a top Abba Tribute Band playing live.

Pontin's Pakefield Holiday Village is situated on the Suffolk coast near Lowestoft. Enjoy a choice of bars and

eateries, an indoor swimming pool, snooker, pool, darts, short mat bowls, 9 hole pitch & putt, tennis court and more. The recently refurbished chalets are all single storey and situated on level ground, in landscaped grounds just a short stroll from the main facilities and car parks. All chalets have TV, tea/coffee making facilities, heating, double glazing, en suite bath/shower & toilet, bed linen & towels. Included meals are taken in the buffet-style cafeteria with views over the grounds to the sea.

INCLUDED:

- Mamma Mia the Movie
- Top Abba Tribute band
- 99p Bar from 6pm to 9pm every night
- Full Entertainment & Activities programme
- 3 dinners & 3 breakfasts
- 3 nights en-suite chalet accommodation with TV & tea/coffee-making facilities



Venice - the Grand Canal

Venice, Florence & Tuscan Highlights

Escorted Holiday by Rail from London, * Ebbsfleet & Ashford
10 days, half board
From £1149pp
Quote TM-KOS

17 September, 2012

Join us for an Italian odyssey which takes in extraordinary Venice and the best of Tuscany. Our journey begins at St Pancras famous Champagne Bar before an afternoon departure on Eurostar to Paris and

overnight train to Venice in a private 2 berth cabin. We then spend 1 night in Venice and 6 nights in Montecatini with all excursions included.

INCLUDED:

- Escorted throughout
- Champagne check-in at London St Pancras & afternoon departure (*from Ashford/Ebbsfleet on request)
- Return Eurostar train to Paris and overnight train to/from Italy in private 2 berth cabin
- 1 night half board in Venice Lido
- 6 nights 4-star half board in Montecatini
- Guided walking tours of Venice & Florence
- Visits to: Lucca, Florence, Pisa, San Gimignano, Portovenere & Bologna
- All transfers abroad



Piran

Slovenia & Lake Bled Coast & Country Explorer

Escorted Holiday by Air from Stansted
8 days, half board
Quote SB9-KOS
£899pp

4 September, 2012

Bordered by Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia, Slovenia has a little of each in its character and landscapes. From the balmy Adriatic coast to stunning Lake Bled this former Yugoslavian state has amazing

scenic contrasts just a few hours apart. From our 4 Star hotel near Lake Bled we will discover Slovenia, including the capital Ljubljana, Piran on the coast and the Bohinj Railway - one of Europe's great scenic rail journeys.

INCLUDED:

- Return flights Stansted to Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 7 nights half board in a 4-star hotel
- Comprehensive excursion programme
- Escorted throughout in Slovenia
- All transfers abroad

CONTACT US...



If you have a business story or any news you think we should be covering in this section, reporter **Nick Ames** would like to hear from you. You can phone him on **01303 817181**, or alternatively email **nick.ames@archant.co.uk**.

KEY PARTNERS



SUPPORTED BY

online@www.businessforkent.co.uk

Business Week

Your business is our business

Getting the high street moving

An obvious indicator of the health of the British economy is the high street. Online sales account for an ever-increasing chunk of the retail trade, but footfall in shops is vital to the business health of a community, with cash coming in at the sharp end of trade. Last month the Business Week team took a walk down Hythe high street to gauge how stores were coping in the face of economic uncertainty, while the Labour Party has been canvassing the same businesses and asking what they need to prosper. And in addition to all this, the Government has appointed retail guru Mary Portas to give her thoughts about possible solutions. **Nick Ames** investigates further how we can pull our high streets out of trouble.

FREE parking is the No 1 priority if businesses are to prosper in troubled Hythe high street, according to a survey by the Labour Party.

In a poll of 76 businesses conducted earlier this year, free parking emerged as almost twice as important as any other issue.

About half the businesses polled wanted at least two hours' free parking for shoppers in the high street, with just 2 per cent of shopkeepers suggesting that free parking should be for less than the one-hour period currently available.

In an article earlier this year, Business Week showed how declining footfall and the economic situation was putting many shops in the town under threat of closure.

Retailers called for any help they could get in attracting new custom – and parking was the main area identified as they said customers visiting supermarkets had to park too far away from smaller stores and were discouraged from casual visits.

Matt Hillyer, producer of the survey, said he was surprised at the result. "We didn't expect parking to rate as more important than business rates or advertising, but the response has been almost unanimous," he said.

"The shop-owners we spoke to thought it was the easiest and most effective way to bring people to Hythe and gave them an even platform on which to compete with the supermarkets. Two hours' free parking was viewed as the ideal length of time for customers to spend in town."

The survey coincides with Shepway District Council's draft parking strategy, which suggests reducing free on-street parking to 30 minutes in



TOUGH NUT:

Many retailers and shop-owners in Hythe high street were adamant that more free parking would increase footfall and bring a change of fortune for businesses

high streets, in a bid to persuade drivers to park in under-used car parks.

"The council should listen to the businesses in the high streets and increase the time limits to allow people to shop for longer," said Peter Wallace, secretary of the local Labour group.

"We've heard from the shops, particularly the restaurants, cafés and hairdressers, that they want at least two hours' free parking for their customers, because one hour isn't enough."

"If the council make those changes, we predict Shepway could attract thousands more customers to our towns per year, as well as bringing countless other benefits."

Across the town centre, shop-owners have reported that takings at the till are down dramatically, footfall is declining and rents are increasing – all factors that they say could see some stores closing their doors by the end of the year.



Typical problems are those experienced by Alan Fairbairn and his wife Susan, who run Trouvailles antiques store. They say that takings are down two-thirds from their peak and rent has increased by half.

"We took over a 16-year lease on the shop," said Mr Fairbairn. "There is provision for an increase in rent in the contract, but nothing for a cut when takings are down – as they are."

Mrs Fairbairn explained how the business had suffered over recent years.

"There was a time when the value of antiques was really high," she said. "But the market has decreased in the last few years. We have a lot of stock which we bought during the boom time but are having to sell at a loss."

"People wanted the feel-good factor of buying as little as 18 months ago, but now they just aren't."

Could £10 market stalls point more prosperous way ahead?

A BUSINESS survey has revealed that in 2011 the larger high-street chains closed an average of 14 stores a day across Britain.

So in this difficult retail market, chartered-accountancy group ICAEW is encouraging entrepreneurs to take advantage of a Government-backed scheme offering market stalls for £10 over a fortnight this summer.

For those starting a new business or wishing to extend an existing venture, it says the Love Your Local Market campaign offers a low-cost, low-risk way to test a new product.

The market-stall initiative will run from Saturday, June 23, to Sunday, July 8, and is the first official response to the Portas Review – an independent review of the English high street undertaken by Mary Portas, a leading

marketing consultant appointed by Prime Minister David Cameron.

Ashford, hit badly by store closures, is applying to be one of 12 'Portas Pilots' – towns that will share a £1 million Government handout in a bid to turn around their high streets.

Ms Portas has called for a National Market Day to promote markets and allow budding shopkeepers to try their hand at operating a low-cost retail business.

The review also urged that unnecessary

HELPING HAND:

Mary Portas used by the Government

regulations be removed to make it easier for people to become market-traders.

Fay Webster, ICAEW's South East regional director, said: "Market trading allows entrepreneurs to be flexible and take their trade to customers without being tied into expensive long-term property leases."

"It is a great way to test their offering in a low-cost, risk-free environment."

"The old model of starting in retail with an immediate commitment to a shop in a town centre has been challenged by online and out-of-town shopping. New retailers have to be

convinced that there is a sufficient demand for their product before committing to a lease."

The Love Your Local Market scheme provides a great platform to get a new business idea off the ground without incorporating unnecessary costs.

Traders will get to interact with the public and fellow traders and build a good network of customers and colleagues and a sense of community.

"The scheme gives budding retailers the opportunity and space to develop and flourish in a friendly, relaxed environment," said Webster.

"Market stalls, such as Christmas markets, have always succeeded in bringing people together to sell, share and socialise and are a fantastic testing ground for entrepreneurs introducing a new product."



■ FOR ALL THE LATEST JOBS IN KENT – with more than 1,500 advertised – SEE OUR WEBSITE WWW.JOBS24.CO.UK/KENT

Telecare has its finger on the pulse of heart patients way out west

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

HEALTHCARE specialist Red Alert Telecare, based in Ashford, has landed a contract to support heart-disease patients across Dorset.

The company will be installing and maintaining monitoring devices that will allow hundreds of people to remain living safely and independently at home.

By carrying out their own daily checks on a number of vital health indicators and forwarding the data to their GP or health specialist, the 500 coronary-care patients will be able to live normal lives, safe in the knowledge that any issues will be flagged up by the technology and will alert medical help.

Two years ago, Red Alert Telecare played a leading role in a Department of Health trial – called a whole-systems demonstrator – that proved the merits of the life-changing technology, known as 'telehealth'.

Now the company is working with leading provider Telehealth Solutions to install its technology in homes across the West Country county on behalf of NHS Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole.

The equipment, which is freely available to

those with long-term chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, allows people to monitor their blood pressure, blood oxygen level, weight and heart rate and record the results using a simple, menu-driven touch-screen tablet computer.

It also asks a number of routine questions about how the patient is feeling.

"This is remarkable technology and it can make a huge difference to patients who would otherwise have to visit outpatients for regular checks or contact their GP if they thought something might be wrong," said Red Alert Telecare managing director Clive Gawler.

"It has been clearly demonstrated that this type of equipment reduces emergency admissions to hospital and, more importantly, has saved lives by drawing attention to potentially fatal conditions."

"We are delighted to be working with Red Alert on this important project," said Tim Shaw, operations director at Telehealth Solutions.

"Installing and maintaining this technology is not just specialised but plays a vital part in ensuring that the systems work correctly."

When the data has been collected, the patient sends it to a central computer using a roaming mobile-phone connection and it is compared against that person's normal parameters.



Gawler said: "If anything is flagged up as being unusual, the system alerts the right medical person, who can then take action."

"It allows the patient to become more involved in managing their own condition and prevents them undertaking what might be a long or difficult journey for a check-up that just proves nothing has changed."

"As well as giving people back their independence, telehealth has the potential to save the health service millions of pounds in unnecessary appointments and emergency admissions, as well as freeing up professionals' time and hospital beds."

Aussie flat-packing is good business sense

HYTHE company Gopak is investing for the future and flying the flag for Britain as it faces competition in the market from Chinese imports.

The business, which produces lightweight folding tables for customers including schools, community halls and churches, has recently expanded its operations after acquiring a licence to produce a product designed in Australia.



"The last four years

have been very challenging," said managing director Andrew Fieldwick, above.

"But when the Australian opportunity came along, we had to take it. We worked out how to flat-pack the design and so went ahead with investing in expanded premises.

"The investment was at a difficult time, but we took a long-term view so that when the market does pick up we will be in a position to capitalise.

"These are the sort of decisions you cannot afford to get wrong. It was a brave move, but the company has a strong financial base, so we were able to do it without borrowing."

Competition in the marketplace has also been a factor in Gopak's decision.

Diane Ponting, sales and marketing director, said: "Buying from importers may give you just a standard design, but we have thousands of different ones which can accommodate any need or requirement."

SKIP & WHEELIE BIN HIRE

**Great service at great prices,
delivery and collection to suit you**



**Skips 4-12yd / Ro-Ro's 15-40yd / REL's /
Wheelie bins 360 - 1100 cu litres**

WE RECYCLE 82% OF YOUR WASTE

For COMPETITIVE rates, call us TODAY on

0844 880 7700

www.countrystyleskips.co.uk

WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING SOLUTIONS

Training, courses and careers

'We need women' say building chiefs

CONSTRUCTION companies in Kent and the South East should take steps to attract more females to meet the industry's need to find top talent, according to a survey conducted on the CITB-ConstructionSkills website.

The survey showed that most respondents (60 per cent) felt it was important for employers to bring more females into construction in order to 'attract more talented individuals' (47.5 per cent) and to ensure the workforce better reflected society's demographics (13 per cent).

For those who thought it was not important for industry to do more to attract women (nine per cent), most suggested that activity in this area was 'just political correctness'.

Sara Pearce, sector strategy manager for CITB-ConstructionSkills South East said: "It's really encouraging to see the comments and enthusiasm around increasing the number of women in the industry – it's hugely important to have the widest possible talent pool to draw from irrespective of gender, race, sexual orientation, ethnicity or faith."

"We need quality candidates coming into the construction industry in the South East, and there are already many examples of women doing really well, but we still need to challenge some prevailing misconceptions that are damaging to our efforts to attract the best talent."

Minister's rules for young apprentices

APPRENTICESHIPS will last for a minimum of 12 months guaranteeing improvements in training and workplace learning, skills minister John Hayes has announced.

The new standards will come into force for all age groups from August, subject to consultation with providers and employers.

For those aged 19 and over apprenticeships will last between one to four years unless prior learning or attainment has been recorded. Apprenticeships for 16-18 year olds will last a minimum of 12 months without exception.

Mr Hayes said: "The momentum we have created by building the apprenticeship brand has brought about unprecedented success for the apprenticeship programme."

"The majority of apprenticeships are the gold standard in vocational training. They boost individuals' life chances and build the skills that drive growth. They also provide a great return on public money. This has been independently recognised with the National Audit Office finding that apprenticeships generate £18 for the economy for every £1 spent."

"But we must be relentless in our drive to ensure all apprenticeships are as good as the best."

College head defends apprenticeship schemes

MIDKENT College acting principal Sue McLeod has come out in defence of apprenticeships following criticism of the training schemes by the BBC's flagship current affairs show Panorama.

The BBC One show last week featured examples of bad practice in the further education sector, and criticised some colleges' use of subcontractors in delivering work-based training.

The programme claimed there was little scrutiny over how public money was being spent on the schemes.

However, Ms McLeod offered a strong defence of apprenticeships, and was keen to stress that the actions of a minority should not undermine the true value and worth of training programmes.

She said: "Apprenticeships are an important way of preparing young people for employment and are vital to the Government's strategy for economic recovery."

"At a time when youth unemployment is high, we should be doing all we can to champion a scheme that for many years has linked up local and national firms with hard-working trainees for the benefit of everyone involved."

"MidKent College is approved by the Skills Funding Agency to offer both apprenticeships and advanced apprenticeships, and it is in our best interests to provide the best education possible for those who rely on us to help them into employment."

"In respect to subcontractors – which the Government supports the use of – we only use those who meet our high expectations."

Earlier this year nine MidKent College apprentices lost their jobs when the Sheerness-based metalwork firm Thames-steel went bust.

But thanks to the efforts of staff in the college's business development unit and JobShop, all have now found alternative employment to enable them to complete their training.

The speed in which they found new jobs, said Ms McLeod, was largely due to the quality of training they had already received.

She added: "Our response to the Thames-steel situation is evidence of how we have the best interests of our students at heart."

"Their education and welfare is top of our list of priorities, and always will be."

"Colleges like ours are not-for-profit organisations which serve our communities for the long term. It is not in our interests to provide poor quality education."

A taskforce was been set up by Kent County Council after the closure of the Thames-steel plant in Sheerness in January and the loss of 350 jobs.

The steel firm went into administration last month with 350 of the 400 staff being told they were being made redundant.

MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey Gordon Henderson has been trying to stop equipment at the plant from being sold abroad.



ON THE JOB TRAINING: 'Apprenticeships are vital for the economic recovery'

What is your business doing to help Keep Kent Working? Do you send employees on training courses to aid their personal development or run apprenticeship schemes? If you have a good news story email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or call us on 01303 817136.

Apprenticeships

Exciting opportunities throughout Kent now

Get ahead today!

Call freephone:
0800 7314297

email:
keytrainingservices@kent.gov.uk

KEY
TRAINING SERVICES

**COMMUNITY
LEARNING
AND SKILLS**

**Kent
County
Council**

Schools & education

It's full steam ahead for Hornby's train set model-making projects

HORNBY Hobbies has teamed up with Kent County Council to give primary schools the chance to be in the driving seat and design their own train set landscapes.

The Margate-based company has sponsored the initiative to the tune of more than £7,000.

While creating their individual models, pupils have been learning how to plan a project, draw to scale, build the base-board, learn how electricity works, design the layout of the

track, connect up circuits and motors, build scale buildings, and how trains shunt engines and wagons.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "This is a new venture for us and we are grateful to Hornby for providing the equipment to make it happen."

"The response from schools just emphasises the enthusiasm of teachers to find new ways of motivating young people to learn new skills while having fun."

Each school, with the help of KCC Local members, will be provided with a train and track to create a portable shelf-style layout on a board 75cm x 200cm. Each school can develop its own ideas for the model and can add trains, track, countryside and infrastructure to the scene.

More than 100 schools have applied for the 50 train sets available. All the sets have been distributed and schools are beginning the model-making project.

Designers get their stripes with Radio 4 slimming clothes test

FASHION design students at the University for the Creative Arts (UCA) Rochester have been working with Radio 4 to settle the age-old question of whether stripes really can make you look thinner.

Val Watham, a finalist on Radio 4's So You Want to Be a Scientist, devised an experiment to test whether stripes affect people's perception of size. She then turned to UCA for help.

A team of volunteers from the fashion design course made up a range of shirts and dresses with the stripes positioned horizontally and vertically. Students were then filmed wearing each of the dresses and shirts, plus a plain black alternative. Visitors to the BBC Science tent at Edinburgh Science Festival in April will be asked to watch the videos and estimate what size the model is in each of the clips.

To make sure the study is scientifically valid, Val has also been working with psychologist Dr Peter Thompson from the University of York.

He is an expert in visual perception and has helped to design the test that will be carried out at Edinburgh Science Festival.

Val said: "Working with UCA has been a great



SHAPING UP: Students made the striped clothes

experience – the students have been fantastic. Not only have they made up the garments, but they also volunteered to act as models.

"I hope that the data we gather from this experiment will shed more light on the way different patterns affect our perception of size."

Thomas Williams, one of the first year fashion design students who volunteered to make the garments, said: "I was really excited at having the opportunity to work with the BBC."

Fellow student Luq Ali added: "I own loads of stripy clothes and I definitely do think they have an impact on perception of size. I can't wait until the findings are revealed (in June)."

Medal success for college students' union in build up to Olympic Games

CANTERBURY College Students' Union has collected an award for its Olympian efforts.

The SU won a bronze medal for Living the Olympic Values at the Podium Awards 2012, beating more than 200 colleges and universities.

The judges were impressed with the college's delivery of the Olympic values – courage, determination, equality, excellence, friendship, inspiration, and respect.

It is the latest honour to be bestowed on Canterbury College's

SU, which recently won a NUS Award for a record-breaking fourth consecutive year.

Student's Union president Tony Payne said: "We have been working hard to get students inspired about the London 2012 Games for the past four years, so it's great to win a Podium Award."

"This is the fifth year the college has been nominated for an award based on the quality of our extra-curricular activities

and it's a real testament to the commitment of the students here.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the Olympic Park and taking students to some of the events."

The Podium Awards recognise the role colleges and universities play in delivering the London 2012 Games. Canterbury College Student's Union will receive its award at a black-tie event in London next month.

Whitehead Monckton
unique to Kent



Do you have a problem with a Will or Trust?

Do you have a dispute with:

- a Will?
- an executor or trustee?
- an estate administration?
- a trust administration?
- a Power of Attorney?

We can help you. Call us on:

01622 698000

You may qualify for our

NO WIN NO FEE service

A Kentish law firm with national expertise

Commercial | Tax & Estate Planning | Family | Residential Property
Employment | Personal Injury | Probate | Wills | Wealth Management

Lexcel
Practice Management Standard
Law Society Accredited

Please call **Maidstone 01622 698000** or **Tenterden 01580 765722**
or visit our website www.whitehead-monckton.co.uk

Authorised and Regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority Whitehead Monckton 59425, Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

**Commute for less
with Chalkwell
from Swale &
Medway**

**Direct service to
Docklands, the City
and Central London**

**New day break brochure out now -
visit our website or call for your copy**

Pick ups from:

- SITTINGBOURNE
- NEWINGTON
- RAINHAM
- GILLINGHAM
- BRIDGEWOOD COMMUTER CAR PARK

**TRY BEFORE YOU BUY
GET 2 DAYS FREE TRAVEL IN APRIL**

This offer applies to new passengers only.



Chalkwell

For more information please call:
01795 423982

NEW DAYBREAK BROCHURE OUT NOW CALL TODAY FOR YOUR COPY

PROMO CODE: YS03

Visit: www.chalkwell.co.uk and click on commuter services

jobs24.co.uk

INCORPORATING
JobsforKent.co.uk

IN-PAPER • ONLINE • ON MOBILE

TO ADVERTISE:TELEPHONE: **01303 817040**FAX: **01303 817004**EMAIL: **appointments@kosmedia.co.uk**

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting and Finance Admin, Secretarial, PA Agriculture/Horticulture Architects, Surveyors Banking and Insurance Call Centres Cleaning and Domestic Construction Customer Services Education and Teaching | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entertainment Environment Fashion, Hair, Beauty Health and Safety HM Forces and Defence Hospitality and Catering Human Resources IT, Telecoms Law Enforcement/Security Legal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance Management and Business Manufacture, Production Marketing and PR Mechanical/Engineering Media, Creative, Design Medical and Carers Public Sector Recruitment Retail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Science and Pharmaceutical Shipping and Offshore Skilled Trades Sports and Fitness Transport and Delivery Travel and Tourism Veterinary/Animal Services Voluntary Work Warehousing and Logistics |
|--|---|--|---|

HIGH VIEW OAST CARE HOME

TEL: 01304 813333

Poulton Lane, Ash, between Sandwich and Canterbury is a friendly village care home.

We have a vacancy for a

FULL TIME CARE ASSISTANT.

Please phone Sheelagh Sanford for more information and an informal chat.

CARE ASSISTANT

REQUIRED TO COVER MATERNITY LEAVE FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTIAL HOME IN FOLKESTONE

MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE OF THE ELDERLY AND HAVE A MINIMUM OF NVQ 2 IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

POST IS SUBJECT TO ENHANCED CRB DISCLOSURE, COST TO BE MET BY APPLICANT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JULIA ON **01303 254019**

Fill your job vacancies fast

To advertise in this section call: 01303 817040

INCORPORATING
JobsforKent.co.uk

jobs24.co.uk

IN-PAPER • ONLINE • ON MOBILE

It's jobs for Kent

THE SPENCER WING

The Spencer Wing is the independently owned and managed 22 bed private hospital situated on the QEOM Hospital site. We also have a 5 bed unit at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. The continuing growth of our business has resulted a vacancy for the following staff:

Medical Secretary - Flexi Bank (Margate)

Closing date for applications - Friday 27 April 2012

Qualifications
Maths and English (GCSE or Equivalent)
Two years experience working in a medical environment

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact:
Paul Parish 01843 234555 x 63316

For job description and application form please contact:
Jo Edwards
East Kent Medical Services Ltd
The Spencer Wing, QEOM Hospital
Ramsgate Road, Margate
Kent CT9 4BG
Telephone: 01843 234556
Fax: 01843 296333
E-mail: jo.edwards@thespencerwing.com
The Spencer Wing is an equal opportunity employer
This position is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure check

To advertise in this section **01303 817040**

Alzheimer's & Dementia SUPPORT SERVICES

Registered Charity Number 1024385

Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services is a registered charity based in Northfleet, which supports people with dementia and their carers in Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley.

We have been awarded funding for three new projects and we are recruiting for the following posts:

Dementia Café Facilitator - 14 hours per week - £6,930 per annum - Fixed contract to 31/3/2014

There are three dementia cafés presently running monthly in Dartford, Gravesend & Swanley. This post will facilitate these cafés and set up another two cafés in the local area. Dementia Cafés allow open discussion of dementia and its consequences in an informal, social environment in the presence of, and supported by, peers. The person appointed will organise, and facilitate, the cafés which provide a mix of speakers, entertainment and socialising.

Peer Support Facilitator - 18 hours per week - £8,907 per annum - Fixed contract to 31/3/2014

This post will set up two Dementia Peer support groups, one in Dartford & one in Gravesham. The groups will run twice a month in each venue. The aim of the role will be to facilitate structured group sessions to discuss their diagnosis of dementia and its consequences in an informal environment in the presence of, and supported by, their peers. The aim is to learn from each other about key areas of concern, experienced symptoms & coping mechanisms.

Dementia Buddy Service - 26 hours per week - £12,866 per annum - Fixed Contract to 31/3/2013

This post will set up, and run, a new service at Darent Valley Hospital. This successful applicant will recruit, train & support volunteers to assist patients with dementia in the hospital by providing social interaction, cognitive stimulation and encouragement with eating & drinking.

All posts are subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) check & references. It is expected that applicants will have significant experience of working with people with dementia in a professional setting, managing projects as well as experience of working with volunteers.

For application forms and further information, please call **01474 533990** or email adminadss@btconnect.com

Closing date for completed applications is 27th April, 2012.

Interviews will take place in the week commencing 7th May 2012.



The future of local media

Be part of an exciting and growing team developing our portfolio across Kent

Account Manager Field Based

Archant KOS Media is looking to recruit highly driven, confident, self-motivated team players to work on our portfolio of products which consist of newspapers, magazines and digital platforms. You will need to be able to work under pressure to deadlines and targets. Working with an existing client base where customer service is paramount, you must also be able to search out new business to develop

and grow your territory revenues and opportunities.

You will be building long-lasting relationships with organisations throughout Kent. Ideally you will be from a sales or marketing background and have the drive, tenacity and determination to succeed. Basic knowledge of computer systems is required. A full driving licence is essential.

Telephone Sales Executive

If you are a highly driven, confident, self-motivated team player with good communication skills, who is able to work under pressure to deadlines and targets, then apply for this job today. You will be office based and working with an existing client base of advertisers where customer service is paramount, but you must also be able to search out new business to

develop and grow your territory revenues and opportunities. We pride ourselves on good customer service, professional marketing solutions and excellent business relationships. We provide innovative ideas that will in return give our clients real value and response. Media experience is not essential as full training will be given, however good numeracy, literacy and computer skills are required.

We offer an excellent basic salary plus generous bonus scheme, ongoing training and career development, five weeks' annual leave, contributory pension and life assurance scheme and all the benefits of working for a large media organisation.

ARCHANT KOS MEDIA

Please apply in writing with your CV and covering letter to:

Dawn Coady, Group Recruitment Manager, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE or email dawn.coady@archant.co.uk

Young Person's Named Drugs Worker (YOT)

£21,519 – £27,849 per annum plus Essential Car User Allowance up to £1,239 • 37 hours per week • Based Chatham

Based in Medway, you will manage a caseload of young people, aged 10 – 18 years, who are involved in the Youth Offending Service, are misusing drugs and/or alcohol and experiencing complex difficulties. These may include concerns around mental health, safeguarding, homelessness, offending and chaotic substance misuse.

We are looking for someone with good substance misuse knowledge, excellent communication and casework skills and proven experience of working with young people presenting with complex needs.

Possession of, or working towards, a relevant professional qualification is essential as is having a car and a full clean driving licence.

Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.kca.org.uk. You can also email recruitment@kca.org.uk or call 01795 590795 and select option three. Please quote reference number 919 in your application.

Closing date: Monday 23 April 2012. Interview date: TBC

KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse. Charity No: 292824

www.kca.org.uk

Progressive, Responsive, Effective



Public Sector

You can also find the latest jobs online: www.jobs24.co.uk/kent

Telephone: 01303 817040 Fax: 01303 817004

Email: appointments@kosmedia.co.uk Online: www.jobs24.co.uk/kent

PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT



"We grow people"

Abbey Court School provides a stimulating, challenging and safe learning environment where pupils and staff efforts, work and achievement are celebrated.

We are currently looking for a

Key Stage Leader
commencing Sept 2012 to lead a Key Stage in this progressive school for pupils with severe and profound learning difficulties.

MPS/UPS + TLR 2 (£6,196) + 2 SEN Points
(depending on experience)

The school is located in pleasant surroundings and we have educational resources of enviable proportions. Applications are invited from experienced special school teachers or those with an interest in developing management skills within a specialist context. Comprehensive induction and training will be provided. Telephone enquiries and informal visits to the school welcomed.

Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Closing Date: 27th April 2012

Interviews will be held on 16th May 2012

For further details and a job description, please contact Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent ME2 3SP (Tel: 01634 338236), stating the position for which you are applying.

PLANNING

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

MA/12/0250/S - CHARTER HOUSE, CHART CORNER, CHART SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3SB - Erection of fencing. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0430/N - 261, WILLINGTON STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8EP - Loft conversion involving extension of hipped roof to form half-hip on north side and installation of a front dormer. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0438/S - THE WEAVERS, GREEN LANE, LANGLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3JW - Erection of a two storey extension to existing bungalow for extra family accommodation. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0458/S - LAND AT, WATER LANE, HUNTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0SG - Erection of an open-fronted four bay agricultural pole barn. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0508/S - 12, LOWER FANT ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8EA - Retention of ground floor rear conservatory and erection of two storey side extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0513/N - LEEDS CASTLE, ASHFORD ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1PL - Re-erection of former picnic shelter building in new location. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0522/S - BRIDGE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HS - An application for listed building consent for the installation of a wood burning stove and chimney flue liner. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0548/S - THE WHITE BARN, GREEN LANE, YALDING, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9RB - Erection of a single storey extension to the south west elevation, alterations to fenestration and installation of flues, plus extension to bungalow. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0549/S - THE WHITE BARN, GREEN LANE, YALDING, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9RB - Application for listed building consent for single storey extension to south west elevation, alterations to fenestration, installation of flues and internal alterations. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0550/S - SOMERFIELD HOUSE, 59, LONDON ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8JH - An application for a new planning permission to replace extant permission MA/08/1665 (Change of use and conversion to 12 residential flats) in order to extend the time limit for implementation. **Reason: 1, 6**

Reasons for advertisement key:

1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.

3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.

6 - Application is Major Development.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **29th April 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 15th April 2012

To place your notice here call the
Kent Public Notice team on
01303 817044



We can help you get
your foot in the door

Let us find the right local job for you



Look local with **jobs24.co.uk**
ONLINE • IN-PAPER • ON MOBILE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

**KCC/CA/0096/2012 - Proposed development at
Oldridge Wood Lagoons, Swanton Lane, Off
Canterbury Road, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent,
CT3 4AX.**

Starnes (Canterbury) Ltd is applying to Kent County Council (as the Waste Planning Authority) for planning permission for the infilling of open lagoons formerly used for the disposal of tannery wastes.

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

**KCC/CA/0100/2012 - Proposed development at St
Alphege CE Infant School, Oxford Street,
Whitstable, Kent, CT5 1DA.**

KCC Property & Infrastructure Support is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the replacement of 16 no. white painted, soft wood timber vertical sliding sash windows with white finish aluminium facing units to match the existing fenestration. The proposed development is within the Whitstable Town Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and may also affect the setting of a listed building.

You may view these applications at Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13(3) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

**KCC/SH/0381/2011 - Proposed development at
Dungeness Borrow Pit, Dungeness, Romney Marsh,
Kent, TN29 9NA.**

EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Ltd and the Environment Agency has submitted further environmental information under regulation (22) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 in support of application reference KCC/SH/0381/2011 for shingle recycling for the purpose of flood defence. The original application was accompanied by an environmental statement. The proposed development is within the Dungeness Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance. The proposed development also affects a public right of way.

You may view copies of the further information at Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY or at the One Stop Service Lydd, Guildhall, Lydd, Kent TN29 9AJ.

Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Halcrow Group, Burdorp Park, Swindon, SN4 0QD Tel: 01793 816360 so long as stocks last, at a reasonable charge.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough/District Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 15 April 2012



IT PAYS TO
ADVERTISE



Call **01303 817150**
www.kentnews.co.uk

PLANNING



Planning applications

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

- CA/12/00111/FUL: Erasmus House and Old Sessions House, Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury Installation of roof mounted solar panels. Applicant: Canterbury Christ Church University Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00112/FUL: Rochester House, Canterbury Christ Church University, St Georges Place, Canterbury, CT1 1UT Installation of roof mounted solar panels. Applicant: Canterbury Christ Church University Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00189/FUL: 37 Nelson Road, Whitstable, CT5 1EA Replacement front door. Applicant: Mr Gawler Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00243/ADV: 43-45 St George's Place, Canterbury, CT1 1UP Installation of internally illuminated fascia sign to front and side elevation. Applicant: Odeon Cinema Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00296/FUL: Thorley Taverns, The Bandstand, Central Parade, Herne Bay, CT6 5JN Addition of take-away (Use Class A5) to existing mixed use drinking establishment and cafe/restaurant (Use Classes A4 and A3) and associated new servery to inner side of west wing. Applicant: Mr R Ali Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00315/FUL: 56 Heaton Road, Canterbury, CT1 3PY Single-storey side extension. Applicant: Mrs G Freeman Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00358/FUL: 34 Island Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1EP Demolition of two-storey rear extension and erection of replacement two-storey extension with dormer window and accommodation in roofspace, (Revised Scheme). Applicant: Mrs Nearn Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00411/FUL: Wickham Lodge, Wickham Court Lane, Wickhambreau, CT3 1RZ Orangery to rear elevation. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Devereux Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00434/FUL: 12 St Dunstons Court, London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8LU Replacement windows and door. Applicant: Mr Chambers Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00545/FUL: Block A, St Andrew's Close, Canterbury Erection of a four-storey building comprising 12 residential apartments with associated undercroft parking and external works. Applicant: Jenner (Contractors) Ltd and Hyde Housing Association Reason: Major development.
- CA/12/00474/NAR: Land adjacent to Fieldway House, Field Way, Sturry, CT2 0BH Variation of condition 11 of planning permission CA/10/1020/FUL relating to the code for sustainable homes. Applicant: Jacob Builders Ltd Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00482/FUL: 26A Stour Street, Canterbury, CT1 2NZ Change of use from office (Use Class B1) to non-residential complementary health clinic (Use Class D1). Applicant: Canterbury Acupuncture Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00486/FUL: 12/13 Sun Street, Canterbury, CT1 2HX Change of use of ground-floor to restaurant/cafe (Use Class A3) in association with existing first-floor restaurant/cafe use. Applicant: K M Catering Ltd Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00487/FUL: 2 South Lodge Close, Whitstable, CT5 2AD Rebuilding of part of existing house including alterations to listed wall. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Fanciulli Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00488/LB: 2 South Lodge Close, Whitstable, CT5 2AD Rebuilding of part of existing house including alterations to listed wall. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Fanciulli Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before Monday 7 May 2012.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 13 April 2012

Town and Country Planning Acts

- The Council is required to give notice of the following applications
- 12/00917/HOUSE The Barn Haymans Hill, Horsmonden
- Alterations to patio and garden areas; Fenestration alterations (LB)
- 12/00918/LBC The Barn Haymans Hill, Horsmonden
- Listed Building Consent - Alterations to patio and garden areas; Fenestration alterations (LB)
- 12/00619/HOUSE 10 Brewer Street Lamberhurst, Lamberhurst
- Installation of P.V. solar panels on roof to front elevation (CA)
- 12/00248/HOUSE Wingrove Cottage Queen Street, Paddock Wood
- Pitched roof side and rear extensions; New parking area and vehicular access onto Lucks Lane (LB)
- 12/00942/FUL The Pantiles Hotel The Pantiles, Pantiles & St Marks
- Remove existing internal brick/steel piers and add decorative columns, reduce raised floor level by 300mm (shaped area) to allow disabled access, alter internal layout to include disabled wc on lower ground floor level. Alter Pantiles elevation to painted hardwood sliding folding doors (LB) (CA)
- 12/00943/LBC The Pantiles Hotel The Pantiles, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed building consent - Remove existing internal brick/steel piers and add decorative columns, reduce raised floor level by 300mm (shaped area) to allow disabled access, alter internal layout to include disabled wc on lower ground floor level. Alter Pantiles elevation to painted hardwood sliding folding doors (LB)
- 12/00836/FUL Abbeyfield Society Ltd Abbeyfield House, Park
- Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage with residents' accommodation on two floor levels above with first floor windows to front and garden (north west and south east) elevations and second floor window to side (south west) second floor dormer to front (north west) elevation and second floor balcony to garden and side (south east and south west) elevations (CA)
- 12/00875/HOUSE Boxhurst Oast Boxhurst, Sandhurst
- Alterations and repositioning of main access doorway, erection of enclosure walls and erection of garage (LB)
- 12/00879/LBC Boxhurst Oast Boxhurst, Sandhurst
- Listed Building Consent - Alterations and repositioning of main access doorway, erection of enclosure walls and erection of garage (LB)
- 12/00880/HOUSE Sponden Old Hall Sponden Lane, Sandhurst
- Single storey rear extension as garden room to replace conservatory and reduction of chimney stack (LB)
- 12/00881/LBC Sponden Old Hall Sponden Lane, Sandhurst
- Listed building consent - single storey rear extension as garden room to replace conservatory and reduction of chimney stack (LB)
- 12/00908/FULMJ Owl House, Trenley Farm, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish
- Erection of two stables with ancillary storage and associated grazing land. Extension of existing garage to provide haystore. Addition of log store to existing dwelling. Realignment of access drive (MAJOR) (LB)
- 12/00913/LBC Owl House, Trenley Farm, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish
- Listed Building Consent - Erection of two stables with ancillary storage and associated grazing land; Extension of existing garage to provide haystore; Addition of log store to existing dwelling; Realignment of access drive (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

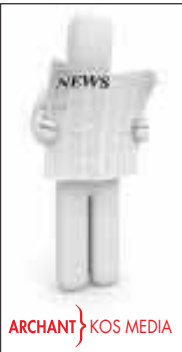
You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells.

We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 14 April 2012



Public Notice

8 April 2012



Notice under Section 122(2A) Local Government Act 1972

Proposed appropriation of land at Kingsmead from open space to planning purposes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Canterbury City Council intends to appropriate open space land at Kingsmead Canterbury, for planning purposes under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The area of land to be appropriated is described in the Schedule to this notice.

Members of the public who wish comment or object to the proposal should send their comments or objections to Mark Ellender, Legal and Democratic Services, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury Kent CT1 1YW in writing by 22 April 2012.

A plan identifying the land which the council is considering appropriating to planning purposes can be viewed at the council offices during normal opening hours.

SCHEDULE

1.912 hectares of land comprising of land adjoining Kingsmead Road, Broad Oak Road, Stonebridge Road and Ambleside Place.

Colin Carmichael, Chief Executive
Canterbury City Council
Military Road
Canterbury CT1 1YW



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 30th APRIL 2012

SW/11/1371:
Adding traditional 6 Kentish wooden weather board to exterior of non listed property weather board painted in exterior matt white - Park House, The Street, BREDGAR; REASON 1

SW/12/0024:
Variation of condition (i) of planning permission NK/8/61/83 to extend occupancy period from eight to ten months (1st March to 2nd January) - Plough Leisure Caravan Park, Plough Road, MINSTER; REASON 3

SW/12/0183:
Change of use of land for the siting of 2 mobile homes for 2 gypsy families with associated utility blocks, parking for vehicles including touring caravans, services and boundary fence - Land North of Plantation Lodge Farm (known as Highview), School Lane, IWADE; REASON 4

SW/12/0260:
Outline planning application to erect detached, semi-detached and terraced dwellings and associated garages, layout parking and amenity areas, estate roads, footpaths and landscaping - Former School Site, East Hall Farm, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 3

SW/12/0322:
Erection of workshop to replace polytunnel and container - Conyer Creek Marina and Boatyard, North Quay, CONYER; REASON 6

SW/12/0323:
Replacement of fascias and rainwater goods with UPVC - Westcombe, 8 Roman Road, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/12/0364 &
SW/12/0427:
Renewal of planning permission SW/08/1169 and Listed Building Consent SW/08/1170 for redevelopment of East Hall Farm, including the conversion and internal alterations to East Hall Farmhouse and outbuildings, to provide 11 dwellings, 26 car spaces. Private and communal areas of open space and landscaping - East Hall Farm, East Hall Lane, SITTINGBOURNE; REASONS 2, 3 and 4

SW/12/0373:
Amended application (SW/10/1512) for loft extension to include conservation rooflight on rear elevation - 22 Kings Road, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/12/0380:
Amendments to listed building consent SW/09/0284 (Change of use, conversion and extension to first floor to provide 4 one bed flats) by substituting brickwork approval at first floor level at rear for weatherboarding - 39 High Street, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 2

SW/12/0390 &
SW/12/0391:
Demolition and replacement of rear garden room - 34 London Road, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/12/0392:
Variation of condition 16 of planning permission SW/04/1051 to permit 24-hour use for petrol sales only - Milton Regis Service Station, St Paul's Street/King Street, Milton Regis, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 3

SW/12/0398:
Advertisement consent for 1 internally illuminated wall mounted display unit - Co-op, 97 High Street, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 1

SW/12/0399:
Advertisement consent for one internally illuminated wall mounted display unit - Co-op, 3 The Street, UPCHURCH; REASON 1

SW/12/0409:
Repairs to existing oak frame, timber windows and tiled roof, and internal alterations and repairs including relocation of kitchen - Forge Cottage, The Street, LYNSTED; REASONS 1 & 2

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Development Services

To advertise
in this section

01303
817150

BE PART OF
YOUR COMMUNITY

Advertise here Call 01303 817056
www.kentnews.co.uk

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER****HIGHWAYS ACT 1980****WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW150 (PART) PLUCKLEY)****PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND
STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 3 April 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980. The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath numbered AW150 which commences at its junction with the unaffected length of Public Footpath AW150 at NGR TQ 9173 4398 (Point A) and runs in a south south westerly direction for 115 metres thence southerly for 70 metres to its connection with Chambers Green Road at NGR TQ 9167 4380 (Point B) and to provide a new length of Public Footpath numbered AW150 which commences at its junction with the unaffected length of Public Footpath AW150 at NGR TQ 9173 4398 (Point A) and runs in a west south westerly direction for 18 metres, south westerly for 132 metres thence southerly for 5 metres to a new connection with Chambers Green Road at NGR TQ 9163 4386 (Point C). The new length of path will have a width of 2.0 metres except where it connects with Chambers Green Road at NGR TQ 9163 4386 (Point C) where there will be a gap of 1.0 metre. The new length of path will be situated 1.0 metre from the boundary except for the first 18 metres from NGR TQ 9173 4398 (Point A) and the last 5 metres towards NGR TQ 9163 4386 (Point C).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. A copy of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on 1 May 2012, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question the validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 15 April 2012, make an application to the High Court.

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER****WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH SD47 (PART) HORTON KIRBY & SOUTH DARENTH)****DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 3 April 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting that length of Public Footpath SD47 which commences at its junction with Gill's Road at NGR TQ 5836 6994 (Point A) and runs in a northerly direction for 53 metres to NGR TQ 5837 7000 (Point B) and adding that length of Public Footpath SD47 with a width of 1.2 metres which commences at its junction with Gill's Road at NGR TQ 5836 6994 (Point A) and runs in a north north easterly direction for 57 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath SD47 at NGR TQ 5838 7000 (Point C).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Sevenoaks District Council, PO Box 183, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 3 April 2012 but if

a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) or 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 15 April 2012 make an application for the purpose to the High Court.

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZS1,****IN THE PARISH OF MINSTER ON SEA****PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZS1, MINSTER
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(3),
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close part of Public Footpath ZS1 between Kent Avenue and The Broadway from the 30th April 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that the proposed works will take 3 weeks and will be completed by 20 July 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Kent Avenue and The Broadway and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF THANET**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH TMX13
IN MARGATE****PUBLIC FOOTPATH TMX13
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(3)
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath TMX13 between Hartsdown Road and NGR TR 349 700 a distance of approximately 170 metres from the 2nd April 2012

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on and near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via a temporary diversion located 25 metres east of TMX13 which will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Louise Adams

**PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF
TONBRIDGE & MALLING****NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR183 (PART) TROTTSCLIFFE)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 3 April 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting that length of Public Footpath MR183 which commences on the unaffected length of Public Footpath MR183 at NGR TQ 6512 6015 (Point A) and runs in a south easterly direction for 195 metres to NGR TQ 6524 6000 (Point B) and adding that length of Public Footpath MR183 which commences on the unaffected length of Public Footpath MR183 at NGR TQ 6512 6015 (Point A) and runs in a south easterly direction for 217 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath MR183 at NGR TQ 6528 6000 (Point C). The added length of footpath has a width of 1.2 metres.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices

of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 3 April 2012 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) or 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 15 April 2012 make an application for the purpose to the High Court.

**PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF
TUNBRIDGE WELLS****NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH WT82 (PART) SPELDHURST)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 3 April 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting that length of Public Footpath WT82 which commences on the unaffected length of Public Footpath WT82 at NGR TQ 5421 3985 (Point A) and runs in a north north easterly direction for 160 metres to NGR TQ 5428 4000 (Point B) and adding that length of Public Footpath WT82 with a width of 1.2 metres which commences on the unaffected length of Public Footpath WT82 at NGR TQ 5421 3985 (Point A) and runs in a north easterly direction for 172 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WT82 at NGR TQ 5430 4000 (Point C).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of The Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 3 April 2012 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) or 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 15 April 2012 make an application for the purpose to the High Court.

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH WT225 (PARTS) BRENCHLEY)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 3 April 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order. The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by

deleting those lengths of Public Footpath WT225 which:-

- i) Commences at its junction with Bramble Reed Lane at NGR TQ 6493 4165 (Point A) and runs in an easterly direction for 64 metres to NGR TQ 6500 4166 (Point B).
- ii) Commences at NGR TQ 6500 4168 (Point C) and runs in a south easterly direction for 30 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WT225 at NGR TQ 6502 4166 (Point D).
- iii) Commences on the unaffected length of Public Footpath WT225 at NGR TQ 6504 4164 (Point E) and runs in a north easterly direction for 70 metres, thence east north easterly for 20 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WT225 at NGR TQ 6511 4169 (Point F)

and adding those lengths of Public Footpath WT225 which:-

- i) Commences at a new connection with Bramble Reed Lane, 17 metres north of the aforementioned point A (NGR TQ 6493 4165) at NGR TQ 6493 4167 (Point G) and runs in an easterly direction for 63 metres to NGR TQ 6500 4167 (Point H). The path has a width of 1.2 metres.
- ii) Commences at NGR TQ 6500 4167 (Point H) and runs in an easterly direction for 20 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WT225 at NGR TQ 6502 4166 (Point D). The path has a width of 1.2 metres.
- iii) Commences on the unaffected length of Public Footpath WT225 at NGR TQ 6504 4164 (Point E) and runs in a south easterly through easterly direction for 30 metres to NGR TQ 6507 4163 (Point J) thence north north easterly for 79 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WT225 at NGR TQ 6511 4169 (Point F). The path has a width of 1.2 metres between NGR TQ 6504 4164 (Point E) and NGR TQ 6509 4166 (Point K) and a width of 1.6 metres between NGR TQ 6509 4166 (Point K) and NGR TQ 6511 4169 (Point F).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of The Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 3 April 2012 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) or 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 15 April 2012 make an application for the purpose to the High Court.

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 15th April 2012

This document is available in alternative formats and can be explained in a range of languages.

For further information, please contact
Kent Countryside Access Service,
on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess



To place your notice here,
call the Kent Public Notice team on

01303 817044

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

PLUMPTON & GREEN LANE, BRABOURNE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Plumpton & Green Lane, Brabourne, on or after 17 April 2012 for up to 18 weeks.

PLUMPTON will be closed in phases from the junction with Hampton Lane, working towards Manor Pound Lane.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Hampton Lane, Canterbury Road, Bulltown Lane and Green Lane.

Signage in Quarrington Lane will indicate which direction traffic can travel when it reaches Plumpton.

GREEN LANE will then be closed between the junctions with Plumpton and Manor Pound Lane.

The alternative route is via Bulltown Lane, Brabourne Road and Weekes Lane

The progress of the works will depend on weather and ground conditions, and the specific sections of road to be closed will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

BEST LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway and footway improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Best Lane, Canterbury, on or after 16 April 2012 for up to 14 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between High Street and the entrance to Orange Street Car Park.

The alternative route is via High Street, St Peter's Street and The Friars.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

COLLER CRESCENT, DARENTH- (TEMPORARY
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Collier Crescent, Darenth from Langlands Drive for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 20th April 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 week from the hours of 08:00hrs - 17:00hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Carriageway micro surfacing works.

CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE - (TEMPORARY
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Craylands Lane, Swanscombe.

The Order will become effective on 16th April 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence between 22:00Hrs - 06:00. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Milton Street, Manor Road, Swanscombe Street, Stanhope Road, High Street and A226 London Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING)
(CONSOLIDATION)
(AMENDMENT NO 9)
ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to 3, 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(3), 35(1) and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order.

The effect of the first named Order will introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following road or lengths of road;

Littlebrook Manor Way On both sides from its junction with Bob Dunn Way to the junction with Rennie Drive.

Rennie Drive On both sides from its junction with Littlebrook Manor Way to the junction with Marsh Street.

Binnie Road Both sides entire length.

Marsh Street On both sides from its junction with Bob Dunn Way to the entrance to Longreach Sewage Works.

Halcrow Avenue Both sides entire length

The effect of the Order will also introduce no waiting 6.00pm to 6.00am the following day every day (7 days) on Brunel Way for the entire length.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BINNIE ROAD AND HALCROW AVENUE, DARTFORD)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) and 3(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order.

The effect of the second named Order will also introduce prohibition of driving on following lengths of road;

Binnie Road From its junction with Marsh Street (roundabout) for its entire length

Halcrow Avenue From its junction with Marsh Street (roundabout) for its entire length

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation 20th April 2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the Order may be examined at the Dartford Borough Council offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

DEAN LANE, MEOPHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF
TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic in Dean Lane, Meopham from Swift Farm.

The Order will become effective on 16th April 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: White Hill Road and Oakenden Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT openreach to gain safe access to telegraph pole.

RAPHAEL ROAD, GRAVESEND- (TEMPORARY
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Raphael Road, Gravesend between its junction with Waterton Road and Denton Street.

The Order will become effective on 16th April 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 7 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Range Road, Elliott Street, Lower Road, Mark Lane and Waterton Avenue

The purpose of the closure is to allow safe access to wet well.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham
and Dartford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A226 THAMES WAY, A2260 (PART) AND A2 (PART)
DARTFORD & GRAVESHAM)
(24 HOUR CLEARWAY)
ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local authority and in exercise of their powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and 4(1) of the Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

The effect of the Order will introduce a clearway on the following road or lengths of road;

1. the A226 road from the Thames Way roundabout junction with Stonebridge Road and Grove Road at Ordnance Survey National Grid reference point TQ6147074704 to its junction with Springhead Road at Ordnance Survey National Grid reference point TQ6238073451;
2. the A2260 road from its junction with the A226 Thames Way at the Ebbsfleet Gateway at Ordnance Survey National Grid reference point TQ6182073888 to the junction with the A2 on slip at the Ebbsfleet Link Roundabout B at Ordnance Survey National Grid reference point TQ6149772779;
3. the spur road from the Southfield Road roundabout junction with the A2260 and the A2 off slip at the Ebbsfleet Link Roundabout C at Ordnance Survey National Grid reference point TQ6124072871 in a westerly direction for a distance of 85 metres to Ordnance Survey National Grid reference point TQ6116472907

Full details of the Order, which comes into operation on 16th April 2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map illustrating the lengths of road concerned may be inspected during normal office hours in the offices of the Dartford Borough Council Civic Centre Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR, Gravesham Borough Council Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU, and Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - Boroughs of Maidstone,
Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge & Malling,
Gravesham, Dartford and
District of Sevenoaks

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS,
TONBRIDGE & MALLING, GRAVESHAM, DARTFORD AND
SEVENOAKS)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are being carried out on or near the road Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on the routes described in schedule below.

The Order will become effective on 1st May 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The dates shown in the schedules are anticipated dates however actual work dates will be displayed by signage on site 7 days in advance. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the restrictions are also stated in the attached schedules.

The roads in the schedule will need to be re-closed approximately 7 days after original closure to carry out road sweeping and replacement of lines.

Schedule

MAIDSTONE

Maidstone East

Road Name: Bottom Pond Road, Wormshill
Extent: The Street, Wormshill to Bedmonton Lane
Date: 3rd May 2012 for 1 working day between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via Lime Kiln Road, Bashford Barn Lane, Swanton Street and Court Dane Shaws and Bedmonton Lane and The Street

Road Name: Bedmonton Lane, Wormshill
Extent: From The Street, Wormshill to Court Dane Shaws.
Date: 4th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via The Street, The Street, Bottom Pond Road, Lime Kiln Road, Bashford Barn Lane, Swanton Street and Court Dane Shaws

Road Name: Clapper Lane, Staplehurst
Extent: A229 Maidstone Road to Marden Road
Date: 6th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via Marden Road, A229 Station Road and Maidstone Road

Road Name: Greenway Forstal, (Greenway Lane), Harrietsham
Extent: Greenway Court Road to Holm Mill Lane
Date: 2nd May 2012 for 1 working day between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Holm Mill Lane, A20 Ashford Road and Greenway Court Road

Road Name: Hubbards Hill, Lenham
Extent: A20 Ashford Road to Warren Street
Date: 3rd May 2011 for 1 working day between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via Warren Street, Waterditch Lane, Rayners Hill and A20 Ashford Road

Road Name: Woodcock Lane, Boughton Malherbe
Extent: Headcorn Road to Coldbridge Lane
Date: 6th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via Coldbridge Lane and Headcorn Road

Road Name: Stede Hill, Harrietsham
Extent: Marley Road to Ringlestone Road
Date: nd May 2012 for 1 working day between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via Ringlestone Road, Ashdown Road, West Street, Faversham Road, A20 Ashford Road, Church Road and Stede Hill

Road Name: Sandway, Boughton Malherbe
Extent: Boughton Road to Bowley Lane (where it changes to Coach Road)
Date: 4th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via Boughton Road, Church Road, Woodcock Lane, Coldbridge Lane, Egerton House Road and Coach Road

Road Name: Old Mill Road, Leeds
Extent: A20 Ashford Road to Forge Lane
Date: 2nd May 2012 for 1 working day between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via Forge Lane, Caring Lane, Otham Lane and A20 Ashford Road

Road Name: Gossy Hill Road, Frinstead
Extent: Bottom Pond Road to Frinstead church crossroads
Date: 4th May 2012 between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via Torry Hill Road, Frinstead Road, Horn Hill and Bottom Pond Road

Road Name: Battle Lane, Staplehurst
Extent: Marden Road to B2079 Maidstone Road
Date: 6th May 2012 between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via B2079 Maidstone Road and Howland Road.

Road Name: Boughton Road/Church Road, Boughton Malherbe
Extent: Sandway/Boughton Road crossroads to Woodcock Lane
Date: 4th May 2012 between 07.00 - 19.00
Diversion: Via Woodcock Lane, Headcorn Road, Lenham Heath Road and Boughton Road.

Maidstone West

Road Name: School Lane, Maidstone
Extent: Willington Street to Oxford Rd
Date: 1st May 2012 for 1 working day between 09:00 - 15:30
Diversion: Willington Street, Northumberland Rd and Oxford Rd.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



Road Name: Castle Hill, Thurnham.
Extent: Whole length.
Date: 1st May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Cul de Sac

Road Name: Thurnham Lane, Thurnham
Extent: Between Ware Street and Pilgrims Way
Date: 1st May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Pilgrims Way, Water Lane and The Street.

Road Name: Redwall Lane, Linton
Extent: A229 Linton Hill to Bonflower Lane
Date: 7th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: A229 Linton Hill, Wheeler's Lane, Barnes Lane and Bonflower Lane.

Road Name: B2163 Teston Lane, West Farleigh.
Extent: Teston Bridge to B2010 Lower Rd
Date: 7th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: A26 Tonbridge Rd, Terrace Rd, Rocky Hill, St Peter's St, Bishops Way, A229 Mill Street, Palace Avenue, Upper Stone Street, Sheal's Crescent, Hayle Rd, B2010 Collage Rd, Tovil Rd, Tovil Hill, Farleigh Hill B2010 Dean St, B2010 Lower Rd.

Tunbridge Wells

Road Name: Glassenbury Road, Cranbrook
Extent: Chalk Lane to A229 Hartley Road
Date: 11th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via A229 Hartley Road, Angley Road, A262 Goudhurst Road, Glassenbury Road.

Road Name: Pearsons Green Road, Paddock Wood
Extent: Queen Street to Knowle Road
Date: 8th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via Pearsons Green Road, Churn Lane, B2162 Maidstone Road, Yew Tree Green Road, Crook Road, Pixot Hill, Mile Oak Road.

Road Name: A229 Rocks Hill/Camden Hill/The Common, Cranbrook
Extent: j/w A262 Wilsley Pound roundabout to a point 150m south of Grandshore Lane
Date: 11th May 2012 for 1 working day between 0930 - 1530
Diversion: Via A262 The Street Sissinghurst, Sissinghurst Road, High Street Biddenden, A274 North Street, Headcorn Road, Biddenden Road, Biddenden Lane, Wheeler Street, Station Road, High Street Headcorn, North Street, Mill Bank, Maidstone Road, Headcorn Road, North Street, B 2163 Plough Wents Road, Cock Street, Heath Road, A229 Linton Hill, Staplehurst Road, Maidstone Road, Station Road Staplehurst, High Street, and Cranbrook Road.

Road Name: Penshurst Road, Bidborough
Extent: Haysden Lane to Penshurst High Street
Date: 14th May 2012 for 1 working day between 0930 - 1530
Diversion: Via B2176 Penshurst Road, Bidborough Ridge, A26 London Road, St John's Road, A264 Church Road, Bishops Down, Langton Road, Ashurst Road, B2188 Fordcombe Road, Spring Hill, Saints Hill, New Road, Fordcombe Road, Penshurst High Street, B2176 Rogues Hill

Road Name: Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood
Extent 1: Ringden Avenue to Badsell Road
Extent 2: Badsell Road to Chantlers Hill
Date: 8th May for 1 working day between 0930 - 1530
Diversion 1: B2160 Maidstone Road, A228 Whetsted Road and B2017 Badsell Road
Diversion 2: B2160 Geddes Hill, Maidstone Road, A21 Hastings Road, A228 Maidstone Road and B2017 Badsell Road

Road Name: Husheath Hill, Colliers Green, Goudhurst
Extent: Between Colliers Green Road to Hart Heath Farm Road.
Date: 9th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via Horden Road and Hart Heath Farm Road.

Road Name: North Road, Goudhurst
Extent: Between A262 Goudhurst High Street to B2084 Chequers Road
Date: 8th May for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via B2076 North Road, B2084 Chequers Road, A262 Cranbrook Rd, Church Road and High Street

Road Name: Halden Lane, Rolvenden
Extent: A28 Tenterden Road to Stepneyford Lane
Date: 12th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via A28 Tenterden Road, B2086 Benenden Road and Stepneyford Lane

Road Name: Bishopden Road, East End, Benenden
Extent: Between Frogs Hole Lane to Tenterden Road
Date: 12th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via Frogs Hole Lane and Tenterden Road

Road Name: Sponden Lane, Hawkhurst
Extent: A268 Rye Road (Field Green) to Sponden Lane (east arm)
Date: 12th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: A268 Rye Road and Sponden Lane (east arm)

Road Name: Old Whetsted Road, Paddock Wood
Extent: Whole length around loop
Date: 7th May 2011 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: No diversion (Access from either end)

Road Name: Curtisden Green Lane and Round Green Lane, Curtisden Green, Goudhurst
Extent: Colliers Green Road to Husheath Hill
Date: 9th May 2011 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via Colliers Green Road, A262 Cranbrook Road, B2084 Chequers Road, B2079 Marden Road and via Curtisden Green Lane and Horden Road.

Road Name: Neils Road, Lamberhurst
Extent: B2169 Furnace Lane to Free Heath Road
Date: 14th May 2011 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via B2169 Furnace Lane and Free Heath Road

Road Name: Wellington Road, Hawkhurst
Extent: A229 Cranbrook Road to Slip Mill Road)
Date: 12th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via A 229 Cranbrook Road, A268 High Street, Slip Mill Lane.

Road Name: Heartenoak Road, Hawkhurst
Extent: A229 Cranbrook Road to Whites Lane
Date: 13th May 2011 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via 229 Cranbrook Road and Ockley Road

Road Name: Field Green, Hawkhurst
Extent: Sponden Lane to Foxhole Lane
Date: 13th May 2011 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Via Sponden Lane, A268 Rye Road and Foxhole Lane.

Tonbridge & Malling

Road Name: Powder Mill Lane, Leigh.
Extent: Powder Mill Lane to Factory entrance beyond Hunters Seal
Date: 15th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Cul de sac

Road Name: Hamptons Road, Shipbourne.
Extent: School Lane to Park Road,
Date: 16th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: East / West Carpenters Lane, A26 High St Hadlow, The Ridgeway, A227 Shipbourne Road, A227 Stumble Hill, Upper Green Rd, Reeds Lane.
Diversion South: Dunks Green, Long Mill lane, The Street, Church Hill, School lane.

Road Name: Claygate Lane, Shipbourne.
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 17th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Reeds Lane, Hamptons Road, Puttenden Lane

Road Name: Park Road, East Peckham.
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 17th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Roydon Hall Rd, A228 Seven Mile Lane, B2015 Maidstone Rd, Gibbs Hill Nettleshead Lane.

Road Name: Stan Lane, West Peckham
Extent: Spur between Swanton Road and Stan Lane.
Date: 18th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Stan Lane and Swanton Rd

Road Name: Thong Lane, Borough Green.
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 21st May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Mill Lane, A227 Bates Hill, The Street, Fen Pond Rd, Borough Green Rd, A25 Sevenoaks Rd, Quarry Hill Rd.

Road Name: Ford Lane, Addington & Trottiscliffe.
Extent: Addington Lane to Wrotham Water Road.
Date: 21st May 2012 for 1 working day between 09:00 - 15:30
Diversion: Allington Lane, Trottiscliffe Rd, A20 London Rd.

Road Name: Fairseat Lane, Wrotham.
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 21st May 2012 for 1 working day between 09:00 - 15:30
Diversion: Platt House Lane, Vigo Rd and A227 Gravesend Rd.

Road Name: Platt House Lane, Stansted.
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 21st May 2012 for 1 working day between 09:00 - 15:30
Diversion: South Bound; Vigo Road and A227 Gravesend Rd. North bound Fairseat Lane, A227 Gravesend Rd, Vigo Road

Road Name: Pilgrims Way, Wrotham.
Extent: Entire length
Date: 22nd May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: A20 London Road, Ford Lane, Wrotham Water Road.

Road Name: Wrotham Water Road, Wrotham.
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 22nd May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Ford Lane, The Street and Wrotham Water Lane.

Road Name: Roughetts Road, Ryarsh
Extent: Church Road to The Street
Date: 22nd May 2012 for 1 working day between 09:00 - 15:30
Diversion: Woodgate Road, Trottiscliffe Road A20 London Road and Roughetts Road.

Road Name: Work House Lane, Ryarsh
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 23rd May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: The Street and Chapel Street.

Road Name: Park Farm Road, Ryarsh.
Extent: Entire length.
Date: 23rd May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Cul de Sac.

Road Name: Court Road, Burham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 24th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Rochester Rd, Scarborough Lane and Old Church Rd.

Road Name: Hall Road, Wouldham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 24th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Cul de Sac

Road Name: School Lane, Wouldham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 24th May 2012 for 1 working day between 09:00 - 15:30
Diversion: The High Street, Knowle Rd and Pilgrims Way.

Gravesham

Road Name: Church Road, Cobham.
Extent: Round Street to Henhurst Road
Date: 25th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Jeskyns Road, Henhurst Road, Sole Street, Round Street

Road Name: Dean Road, Gravesham
Extent: Dean Lane to Oakendean Road
Date: 26th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Dean Lane, Chandlers Hill, Brimstone Hill, Oakendean Road

Road Name: Round Street, Cobham
Extent: Sole Street to Jeskyns Road
Date: 26th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Church Road, Henhurst Road, Jeskyns Road, Sole Street

Road Name: Lower Rochester Road, Higham.
Extent: Lower Rochester Road to School Lane
Date: 26th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Lower Rochester Road, A289 Wainscott By Pass, A226 Gravesend Road, Forge Lane, School Lane

Road Name: Hermitage Road, Higham.
Extent: School Lane to Lower Rochester Road
Date: 27th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Lower Rochester Road, Church Street, Chalk Road, School Lane

Dartford

Road Name: Longfield Avenue, Longfield.
Extent: New Barn Road for its entire length
Date: 27th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: n/a

Road Name: Southfleet Road, Dartford.
Extent: Swanscombe Street to Thames Way
Date: 28th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Thames Way, Stonebridge Road, Galley Hill Road, High Street, Stanhope Road

Road Name: Station Road, Southfleet.
Extent: Dale Road to Westwood Road
Date: 28th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Dale Road, Hook Green Road, Highcross Road, Betsham Road, Park Corner Road, Foxhounds Lane

Road Name: Heath Lane Upper, Dartford.
Extent: Oakfield Lane to Princes Road
Date: 29th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Princes Road, Shepherds Lane, Oakfield Lane

Road Name: Church Hill, Wilmington
Extent: Hawley Road to High Street
Date: 29th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Hawley Road, Oakfield Lane, Common Lane, High Road

Sevenoaks

Road Name: Coltstead, Ash-Cum-Ridley.
Extent: Ash Road to Chapel Wood Road
Date: 30th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Ash Road and Chapel Wood Road

Road Name: Pease Hill, Ash-Cum-Ridley.
Extent: The Street to Hartley Bottom Road
Date: 30th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: The Street, Ash Road, Redhill Road, and Hartley Bottom Road

Road Name: Maplescombe Lane, Farningham.
Extent: Donkey Lane to Botsom Lane
Date: 30th May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Donkey Lane, A20 Gorse Hill, London Road and Botsom Lane

Road Name: Cold Arbor Road, Chevening.
Extent: A25 Westerham Road to Bridge Over A21
Date: 31st May 2012 for 1 working day between 09:30 - 15:30
Diversion: A25 Westerham Road, Main Road, High Street Brasted, Westerham Road, Brasted Road, Westerham Road, B2026 Hosey Hill, Hosey Common Road, Main Road, B269 Spout Lane, Pootings Road, B2042 Green Lane, Ide Hill Road, B2042 Wheatsheaf Hill, Chevening Road

Road Name: Cow Lane, Hever.
Extent: Cowden Pound Road to Buckhurst Lane
Date: 31st May 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Buckhurst, Brockenhurst Lane and Buckhurst Lane

Road Name: Rogues Hill, Penshurst.
Extent: Between Penshurst Village and "Swaylands" Development
Date: 31st May 2012 for 1 working day between 09:30 - 15:30
Diversion: B2176 Penshurst Road, Bidborough Ridge, A26 London Road, St John's Road, A264 Church Road, Bishops Down, Langton Road, Ashurst Road, B2188 Fordcombe Road, Spring Hill, Saints Hill, New Road, Fordcombe Road, Penshurst High Street.

Road Name: Roodlands Lane, Hever
Extent: Green Lane to Clinton Lane.
Date: 1st June 2012 for 1 working day between 07:00 - 19:00
Diversion: Green Lane, Ide Hill Road and Bough Beech Road

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

ASHGROVE ROAD SEVENOAKS - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Ashgrove Road, Sevenoaks at Junction of Hopgarden Lane to Oak Lane.

The Order will become effective on 29 April 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 30/04/2012 and should last approx 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Oak Lane, Weald Road, Ashgrove Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a power network cable.

BANK LANE, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Bank Lane outside property known as Hopefield.

The Order will become effective on 15th April 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 16th April 2012 and will last for approx 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: London Road, Mill Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a new gas supply.

SKEET HILL LANE, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Skeet Hill Lane from the junction Daltons Road to Junction Gorse Road.

The Order will become effective on 22nd April 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 25th April 2012 and will last for approx 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Well Hill, Hawstead Lane, Bucks Cross Road, Chelsfield Lane, Skeet Hill Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT cabling works.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

BANK STREET, HYTHE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bank Street, Hythe, on or after 16 April 2012 for up to 3 weeks.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Chapel Street and the High Street.

The alternative route is via A259 Prospect Road and High Street which re-opens on 16th April 2012.

The Order prohibiting driving along High Street, Hythe between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm will be suspended whilst Bank Street is closed.

ST JOHN'S ROAD, NEW ROMNEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install a new water meter and pipework, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St John's Road, New Romney, on or after 16 April 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with A259 Lydd Road.

The alternative route is via A259 Lydd Road and West Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, NEW ROMNEY) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 1984

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2(4) to (3), 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2), 32 (1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. The Order "THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (Various Roads, New Romney) (Waiting Restriction and Street Parking Places) Order 2012" will introduce a 'no waiting at any time' (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road in New Romney.

LITTLESTONE ROAD - NEW ROMNEY

- (i) Littlestone Road - From a point 20 metres east of its junction with Station Approach to a point 10 metres south of its junction with Station Approach.

STATION APPROACH - NEW ROMNEY

- (ii) Station Approach - On the western side to a point 10 metres south of its junction with Littlestone Road.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation 20th April 2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Shepway District Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

STAFFORDSHIRE STREET, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Staffordshire Street, Ramsgate, on or after 16 April 2012 for up to 2 days, between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm. The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative routes are

Northbound via Turner Street, Broad Street and Hardres Street.

Southbound via Hardres Street, Belmont Street, King Street, Brunswich Street and Turner Street.

There will be no through access along Union Street

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (ASHES LANE, HADLOW) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Ashes Lane on or after Monday 30th April 2012 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Higham Lane, Cuckoo Lane, A26 Tonbridge Road.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for cabling. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Kevin McDermott on 0797 3803611.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CHATHAM ROAD AND OLD CHATHAM ROAD AYLESFORD) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an order an Order prohibiting:-

- 1) Southbound traffic on Chatham Road, Aylesford between the northern junction of Old Chatham Road to the southern junction of Old Chatham Road.
- 2) Northbound traffic on Old Chatham Road, Aylesford between the southern junction of Chatham Road to the entrance to the Lower Bell Industrial Estate.

And also suspending the existing northbound traffic only one-way order on Old Chatham Road, Aylesford between the entrance to the Lower Bell Industrial Estate to the northern junction of Chatham Road.

This order will be effective on or after Monday 16th April 2012 when required for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative routes for the above are for 1) via Old Chatham Road southbound and 2) via Chatham Road northbound then Old Chatham Road southbound.

Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Jack Hanger of South East water on 01634 873095

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HIGH STREET, WEST MALLING (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is taking place on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on High Street, West Malling, between the entrance to the short stay car park (adj. 107 High Street) and the junction with Swan Street.

The Order will become effective on 22nd April 2012 for the dates shown in schedule 1 below, between the hours of 6.00am to 3.00pm or until the time stated next to that date. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place for the durations of the events. Access will be maintained at all times as much as is possible.

The alternative route for High Street, West Malling will be via A228 Ashton Way, A20 London Road and Town Hill.

The purpose of the Order is to enable the Farmers Market, the Christmas lights switch on and the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations to take place.

For further information please contact Kent County Council Highways & Transportation on 08458 247 800.

Schedule 1

Sunday 22nd April 2012 (until 5.00pm)	Sunday 28rd October 2012
Sunday 29th April 2012 (until 5.00pm)	Sunday 25th November 2012 (until 8.00pm)
Sunday 27th May 2012	Sunday 16th December 2012
Sunday 4th June 2012 (until 6.00pm)	Sunday 23rd December 2012
Sunday 24th June 2012	Sunday 27th January 2013
Sunday 22nd July 2012	Sunday 24th February 2013
Sunday 26th August 2012	Sunday 24th March 2013
Sunday 23rd September 2012	

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FOOTPATH, COLEBROOK ROAD, SOUTHBOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by pedestrian traffic on the footpath that runs between 81 and 83 Colebrook Road on or after Monday 30th April 2012 for a period of 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Baldwins Lane, North Farm Road, Highfield Road, High Brooms Road, Colebrook Road.

Mr Adams apologises for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to knock down and rebuild a retaining wall, and should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Mr Adams on 07900 181327.

For further information or comment please call KCC Highways on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (THE STREET, BENENDEN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on The Street at the crossroads with the junctions of New Pond Road and Iden Green Road between 19.00hrs and 05.00hrs on or after Tuesday 1st May 2012 for a period of up to 1 night or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via A28 High Street/Hastings Road, A268 Sandhurst Road/Rye Road/Queens Road/Megrim's Hill/Rye Road, A229 Cranbrook Road/Hawkhurst Road, B2086 Swatenden Lane/Benenden Road/Cranbrook Road/Mounts Hill.

KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for safety critical carriageway repairs. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Sue Laporte on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SPELDHURST, TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL hereby makes the above named Order under section 82 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984.

The effect of the Order will introduce various speed limits on the following road or lengths of road;

Schedule 1 (Roads subject to a speed limit of 30 mph)

SPELDHURST

C46 Barden Road From a point 200 metres north of its junction with Furzfield Avenue south eastwards to its junction with Speldhurst Hill.

C45 Speldhurst Hill For its entire length.

C40 Speldhurst Road From its junction with Speldhurst Hill southwards to a point 85 metres south of Ferbies.

C40 Penshurst Road From its junction with Speldhurst Road north westwards to a point 240 metres northwest of its junction with Southfields.

Lower Green Road From its junction with Speldhurst Hill south eastwards for 175 metres.

LANGTON

C40 Speldhurst Road From its junction with Langton Road northwards to a point 175 metres north of Courtenwell.

A264 Langton Road From a point 340 metres west of its junction with Speldhurst Road eastwards to a point 170 metres east of its junction with Farnham Lane.

GROOMBRIDGE

B2110 Groombridge Hill From a point 275 metres north of its junction with Bird in Hand Street southwards to the boundary of Speldhurst Parish.

Bird in Hand Street From its junction with Groombridge Hill north westwards for 180 metres.

ASHURST

A264 Ashurst Road From the boundary of Speldhurst Parish eastwards for 800 metres.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS

Schedule 2
(Roads subject to a speed limit of 40 mph)**SPELDHURST**

- C46 Barden Road From a point 200 metres north of its junction with Furzfield Avenue northwards for 1050 metres.
- C45 Etherington Hill From a point 265 metres east of its junction with Stockland Green Road eastwards to the boundary of Speldhurst Parish.
- Stockland Green Road From its junction with Etherington Hill northwards and eastwards to the boundary of Speldhurst Parish (junction with Bentham Hill).
- C40 Speldhurst Road From a point 85 metres south of its junction with Ferbies southwards to a point 100 metres south of its junction with Burnt House Lane.

LANGTON

- A264 Langton Road From a point 170 metres east of Farnham Lane eastwards to the boundary of Speldhurst Parish.

Schedule 3
(Roads subject to a speed limit of 50 mph)**LANGTON & ASHURST**

- A264 Langton Road From a point 340 metres west of its junction with Speldhurst Road westwards to a point 800 metres eastwards from the boundary of Speldhurst Parish.

GROOMBRIDGE

- B2110 Groombridge Hill From a point 275 metres north of its junction with Bird in Hand Street north eastwards to its junction with A264 Ashurst Road.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation 20th April 2012, together with a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 15th April 2012

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



Don't let your vacancies go unnoticed



2nd week **free of charge** on any size recruitment advert booked.

Advertise your vacancy online for 1 month for **just £20**.

Call **01303 817056** for further details.

jobs24.co.uk
IN-PAPER • ONLINE • ON MOBILE

Kent on Saturday Kent on Sunday Your Medway Your Swale Your Tunbridge Wells

Turn your photos into a beautifully bound PhotoBook

Get 20% off all PhotoBook orders

From holiday snaps, to baby photos, wedding albums to birthdays, cherish all your precious moments by creating your own PhotoBook today!



Use code
ARCH20

It's quick, it's easy and it's a great way to produce a digitally printed PhotoBook.

From taking that picture on your camera or phone, uploading it onto your computer, to creating and ordering your PhotoBooks online, it couldn't be easier.

Just download the **FREE PhotoBook creator** software and upload your photos, then click to create your PhotoBook. You can tailor make your own colour schemes and create

"different" shaped photo frames and sized books, all within the PhotoBook creator window.

Move photos from page to page, change layouts and add text and captions to your photos. When you are ready, simply click the checkout button and your work of art is shipped straight to your door. You can even add extra copies for family and friends.

yourPhotoBooks.co.uk
CAPTURE A MOMENT

Visit www.yourphotobooks.co.uk to find out how to use and make your own PhotoBook

Job hunters this way



- Search and find Jobs updated daily
- Upload your CV and let recruiters find you
- Easy online job application tools
- Register to receive the latest jobs delivered to your inbox

jobs24.co.uk
IN-PAPER • ONLINE • ON MOBILE

**It's jobs
for
Kent**



You can get inside the head of Paul Merton as he sets out on the road

SEE PAGE 51

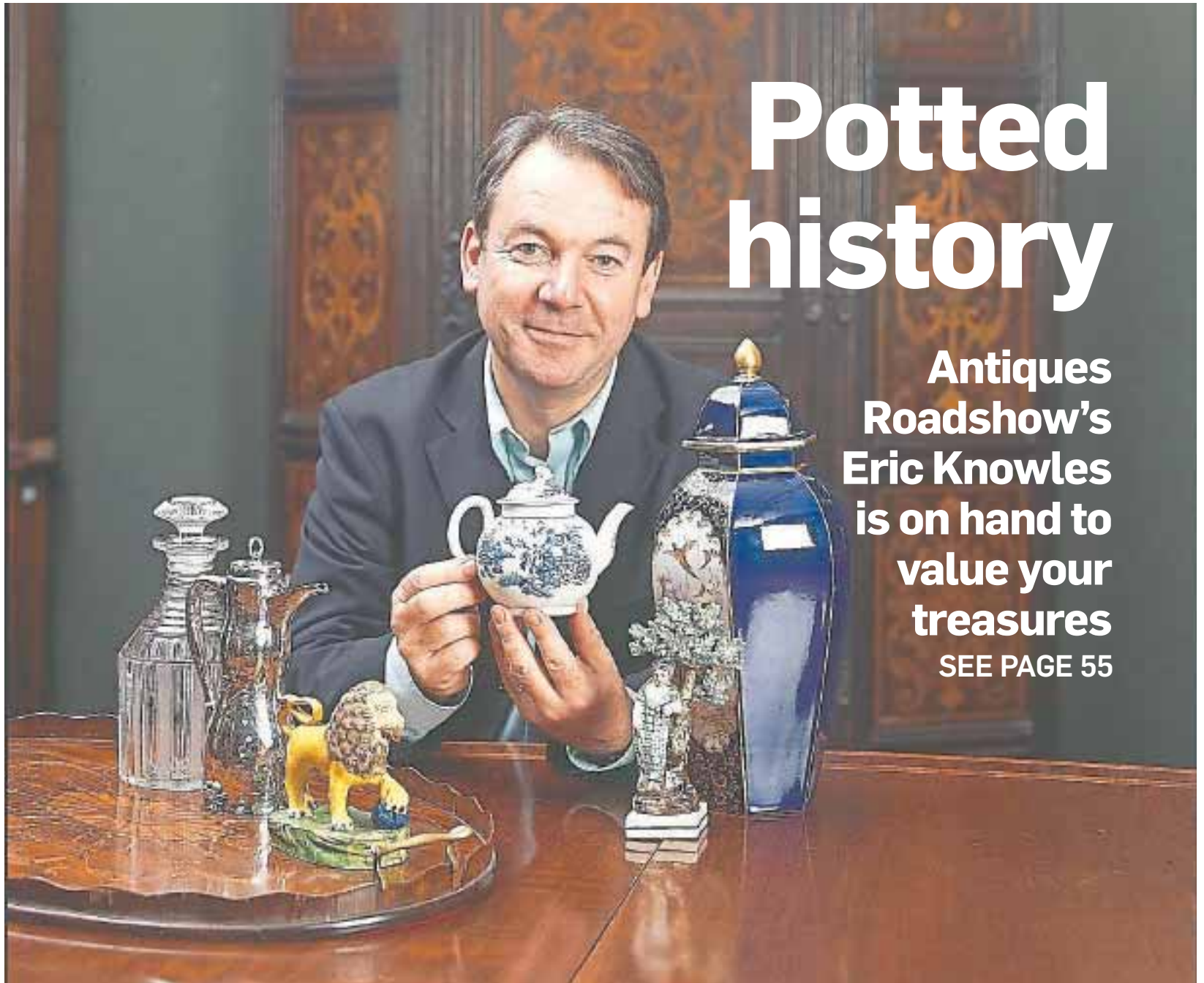


A GOOD SPORT

Journalist Mihir Bose is at the top of his game

SEE PAGE 59

Kent Weekend



Potted history

Antiques Roadshow's Eric Knowles is on hand to value your treasures

SEE PAGE 55

PLUS: That wonderful pub food you've been looking for... we've found it - **food and drink p53** Developer invites you to exchange your home for something more - **property p60** Citroën looks to the skies - **driving p69**



Call
01843 823207
or
07815 823207

www.bradgatepark.co.uk

Sorry, not suitable for small children
and small dogs welcome.

Live the Dream at BEAUTIFUL Bradgate Park

**NOW
OPEN ALL YEAR!**

Experience the difference

Brand new holiday homes from £32,000

Luxury holiday twins from £80,000

Situated 2 miles from Broadstairs and walking
distance to Westwood Cross Shopping Centre.

We are a quiet, family-run park
with heated pool, gym, launderette
and bar/restaurant.

Wifi Broadband available.

THE INTERVIEW

Paul Merton

Have I got stand-up for you

Ever wondered what goes on in Paul Merton's head? Now you can find out



NOT quite ready to be placed in Room 101 just yet, panel-show regular and comedic TV star Paul Merton is bringing his new stand-up show to Kent this month.

Out Of My Head is Merton's first newly-written show since 1998, but getting back on the horse can't have been too daunting for the Have I Got News For You funnyman as he has already bagged a whopping 50 dates for this tour.

The new show will give fans an unprecedented insight into the wondrous workings of Merton's mind. The stand-up will be interspersed with sketches, music, magic, variety and perhaps even some dancing girls.

Merton has been at the top of his game for more than two decades, serving a massive 22 years behind the Have I Got News For You desk with Ian Hislop. However, for the coming tour Merton will be joining up with pals Lee Simpson, Richard Vranich and Suki Webster, who all take part in the show.

He said: "We're having such a great time. It's about taking the plunge and devising a show that is fully scripted. It has stand-up, sketches, interaction with the audience and a few things that will startle people. Working on a tour that starts off as a mere jotting on the back of a fag packet and develops into a spectacular show is a sheer joy."

Having been a key member of the country's most famous improvisational troupe, The Comedy Store Players, since its formation in 1985, Merton is an expert in doing things off the cuff.

He said: "I get such a buzz from performing live. It's the best rush in the world – better than anything else you can think of. If you're trying to convince a TV producer that something is funny, it can take ages. But if you have a good idea with The Comedy Store Players, you just say it there and then."

"You don't have to take it to a commissioning editor, or get a budget and have the comedy kicked out of it by a committee. And you immediately know whether it's funny because you'll hear the sound of laughter – or not."

Merton has also enjoyed a successful career as a travel-documentary presenter, producing memorable pieces such as Paul Merton In China, Paul Merton In India, Paul Merton In Europe and Paul Merton's Adventures. But, as he explained, there is still nothing to compare to the stand-up game.

He said: "It's so inspiring. You just ride the

wave of laughter and then you might come up with something. Ralph Richardson used to talk about pushing a huge ball up a hill to the point where it gains momentum and starts rolling down the other side. That's what live comedy is like. The only snag is, you have to do it while trying to look completely relaxed."

The comedian stays 'in the zone' by

performing every week with his impro troupe, meaning he is ready for anything at all times.

He said: "That [the troupe] feeds into everything else I do. When Have I Got News For You comes around, I don't think 'Oh no, I'm a bit rusty'. Doing The Comedy Store Players every Sunday means you're match-fit all the time. It's a performance muscle. If it's not

getting flexed, it gets flabby. That's why people who haven't been onstage for a while struggle when they go back to the theatre – because it's a completely different discipline."

In the Out Of My Head show, Merton will no longer have to be put on the spot, something that allows him to relax a little... but not too much.

"With this show we get to repeat moments we really enjoy. In impro, you can't go back and do it again, but here you get the chance to create a show over a sustained period of rehearsal – and that's wonderful."

It has been almost 15 years since Merton took to the stage on his own for a stand-up show and, as he explained, the experience wasn't one he wanted to repeat too often.

He said: "Having spent so many years working with other people, when I did a stand-up tour on my own in 1998 I really didn't enjoy sitting on my own in the dressing room during the interval. All the same, I'm sure I'll be sitting there on this tour thinking 'Why did I bring those guys along?'."

Out of My Head will cover a variety of themes, including the class system and the spell Merton spent in hospital after falling ill from anti-malaria tablets.

But the overriding theme of the show is imagination: "I went to a Catholic school. When I was 10, I wrote an essay which the nun who was teaching me really didn't like because it was imaginative. She didn't like imagination."

"It was one of those things that you know is desperately unfair but can't do anything about because you are only 10."

"So I began thinking 'A nun who is wrong about something so fundamental might well be wrong about other stuff, too'. Imagination has built my entire career. This show is a celebration of imagination."

• **Paul Merton brings Out Of My Head to The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, on Tuesday, April 24. Phone 01227 787787 or visit marlowetheatre.com for tickets.**

• **The Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, hosts the show on Monday, April 30. For tickets, phone 01892 530613 or visit assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.**

newspapers • magazines • online

**To advertise
in this section**

Call

01303 817150

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

events • mobile and iPad

ABSOLUTE BARGAIN!!

Static holiday home for sale located at Kent's Premier Holiday Park overlooking the stunning Swale countryside. 10 month season with on park facilities including pool, sauna, spa and fully licensed entertainment complex, 2012 fees paid!!

Must sell £7,995 | Contact James on 07740 247521

**SANCTUARY of
HEALING**

Mills Terrace, Chatham

**EVENING of
CLAIRVOYANCE
MARCUS
CINGANELLI**

Saturday 14th April

**Tickets £5 members,
£7 non members**

Doors open 6.45 for a 7.30 start

01634 880039

www.sanctuaryofhealing.co.uk

Karting
for ages 4-16



Karting parties, tuition, turn up 'n' drive
(see website for dates). Just off J.3 of M2.

**www.buckmore.co.uk
Tel: 01634 661617**

*Treat someone
special*

with a gift voucher from
subscriptionsave

Available in £5,
£10, £25 and £50
denominations.
Subscription Save
vouchers can be
redeemed online
for any magazine
subscription or
single product purchase.



www.subscriptionsave.co.uk/giftvoucher

subscriptionsave.co.uk
The easiest way to treat someone special

Meet your **perfect partner** through your **local** trusted **dating service****Call: 0800 032 9100** to place a free ad

Women Seeking

Guxs Text n' Chat. Text in now and chat to local people.**Send : CHAT601 To : 65125 or call 0906 635 0508**

(T&C's below)

HI I'm Jo, petite, pretty, fed up with own company, seeking male to help me get back into the swing of things, for uncomplicated fun times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387103** ♀**DEBBIE** slim outgoing approachable attractive lassie, 33yrs, GSOH, sporty, looking for non serious fun male for friendship, maybe more. Any age/looks/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387101** ♀**CHARLIE** young 37yr old blonde attractive nurse, OHAC, no ties, new to the area and dating scene, looking to find love with genuine available male, 25-42 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387051** ♀**LAURA** single female 22yrs, blonde, blue eyes, very attractive with curvy figure, WLTM older male for fun times only. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387049** ♀**TASHA** single working mum seeks light hearted man, 35-45 who also likes to enjoy life to the full for passion, romance and tic. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387047** ♀**60YR** old attractive female, seeks non drinker for dog walking, theatre, galleries, photography and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386231****CARIBBEAN** young lady, 30, caring, genuine, seeks young Christian gent, 30-40 who is dedicated to God for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386117** ♀**SUSIE** tactile 33yr old female who loves fast cars and motorbikes, seeks genuine male prepared to live life in the fast lane, 35-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382163** ♀**ANNE** 60, Christian, WLTM similar person. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390496****AFFABLE** serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTM genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411****JACQUELINE** 51, 5ft 8ins, green eyes, Auburn hair, likes theatre, walks, seeks honest, down to earth, sincere fun man for good times, friendship and nights out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387539** ♀**ALICE** 18yr old tall blonde carefree student, looking for exciting male 18-30 for good times only. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107** ♀**MANDY** 45, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blue/green eyes, trendy, seeks tall, N/S male of similar age with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384555****TRIXI** looking for older respectful gentleman for fun times only. I am bubbly very fun and can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388135****YVONNE** professional 35yr old female looking for someone to relax with, affectionate attractive and looking for same. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388111****SANDY** slim attractive green eyed female, loves romantic walks, animals, WLTM loving caring guy for tactile relationship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388109****CHRISTIAN** lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565****JUNE** good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for tic. Genuine replies only pls. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301****46YR** old young, curvy single mum, easygoing, caring, GSOH, wants to live and love, seeks honest man, 35-55 for genuine relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387143** ♀**BERYL** 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503****ANNE** romantic lady, 60's, looking for that special someone for LTR, late 50's or 60's with own car. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386225** ♀**DEBBIE** 5ft 8ins, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 8ins, slim, 47, likes gym, cinema, bowling, meals out, concerts, single mum, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390362****SLIM** tall, elegant, feminine, N/S, solvent lady, young 50's, loves travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gent of high calibre. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388071****NICOLE** lonely and looking for love, cultured, intelligent, beautiful, creative and looking for sincere male for mature loving ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388145****JACQUELINE** blue eyed attractive petite blonde, fit/active and social looking to meet similar kind male for ltr and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388137****LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387743****LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331****SENSUAL** 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309****TRACY** 39, fun blue eyed busty blonde, a little dizzy at times but a big bundle of fun, WLTM professional male for good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384045****JO** 21yr old single mum who loves nights out, seeks understanding male for adult fun and more. ACA. Can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384043****48YR** old female, seeks tall, caring male in the West Sussex area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388974****WENDY** cuddly 52yr old romantic, GSOH, N/S, likes reading, cinema, meals out, seeks male, 45-55 with GSOH to be my Knight in shining armour. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389614****DEBBIE** 5ft 8ins, short dark hair/eyes, slim, daughter, easygoing, likes dinner, cinema, bowling, gym, music, travel, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386337****SUE** young looking vivacious female with great sense of humour, OHAC, independent, interesting and sensual, seeking single tactile male. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386275****BECKY** 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTM Mr Right if he is out there? ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305****JENNY** very feminine attractive mature classy female with beautiful blue eyes, looking for male to enjoy plenty of laughs and get to know. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386303****PETITE** French lady, likes to be spoiled/pampered, seeks gent, 40-55 for discreet liaisons. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379579****GWEN** lovely dark haired, dark blue eyed slim sensual female with GSOH, WLTM male 35-50 for fun dates and romantic nights in together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380443****CARMEL** blonde brown eyed girl, employed with OHAC, likes meals out, walking, looking for loving relationship with caring down to earth male. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380001****DEBS** 38 green eyed sophisticated blonde, attractive size 12, not looking for anything long term or steady just fun with intelligent male, 30-60yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386273****51YR** old lady, seeking fun loving, genuine man for socialising and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389840** ♀**KEELY** blonde 18yr old, blue eyes size 10, busty, stays at home too much and looking for casual fun with older male with OHAC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385377****FEMALE** 48, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383787****MARION** 38 slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383159** ♀**VAL** compassionate outgoing female with a big heart and no preconceptions just looking for love with similar minded male. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383155** ♀**ATTRACTIVE** lady 45, medium build, fair hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks kind gent for companionship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383987** ♀**TARA** 5ft 6ft big blue eyed babe with a cute smile looking for older sugar daddy who is not afraid to spend a little to live a lot! Good times always guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381731****NIAMH** slim attractive female, well travelled and body confident, seeking mature male who can handle a real woman. Or at least thinks he can. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384051** ♀**EMMA** pretty 30yr old Scottish lassie, new to the area and looking for some nice company, give me a call and we can take it from there. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385373****LYNDA** very attractive attached female, own transport and willing to travel, seeking similar natured male for extra circular activities. Must be discreet. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386563** ♀**KERRY** blonde blue eyed cultured lady, very genuine, caring, seeking caring natured male 45-58 for loving romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386649** ♀**HI** I'm Jane a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643** ♀**TINA** new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30yr old looking for male companion 30-50yrs. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386625****SARA** 31 tall sexy and single, lovely green eyes, outgoing and social WLTM tall down to earth stable male for poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386623** ♀**LISA** blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, seeks fun loving, adventurous male, 45-52 for friendship, fun and who knows what else. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389020****BECKY** single 29yr old slim female, attractive, blonde, seeking good times with fun male who does not take life too seriously. Status/age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383057****CHRIS** outgoing secretary, enjoys nice wine, romantic meals, looking for easygoing male to get to know and just see what develops. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383055** ♀**KIRSTY** 44yr going on 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383051** ♀**TIA** 38yr old attractive blonde female, likes keep fit, home life, looking for similar genuine romantic for sensual relationship and good friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382081** ♀**WENDY** enjoys most things in life and is up for anything, whatever you fancy? I'm willing to give it a go! Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382079** ♀**SARAH** 40's black hair, blue eyes, curvy, outgoing, N/S, likes meals out, cosy nights in, seeking tall, good looking male who loves a laugh. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388626****GEM** 24, slim blonde with blue eyes, single mum of one, broadminded and extremely easygoing, WLTM genuine male for LTR. Dads welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385369****DIANE** single fit female, no children, OHAC, lots of free time, looking for a nice man to get to know and hopefully fall in love with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385351****RUTH** slim funny 18yr old brunette who loves cuddles seeks genuine guy for friendship leading to more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385349****MEL** tall curvy attractive blonde, loves cosy nights in with a good bottle of wine, looking for some male attention and company. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379971****MAVE** young 73yr old widow, attractive, seeks tall, solvent gent, 65-75 to share good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387899****LOOKING** to start the New Year of with a bang? Faye open minded 20yr old female just looking for fun times. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383045****HANNAH** 34 slim petite green eyed single mum with many interest, seeking discreet older male for mutual companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379977****SAM** 35, green eyed voluptuous, busty, loves football, theatre, travel, red wine, WLTM older male up to 65yrs for sensual relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379975****KERRY** 32yr old single mum of one, ready to move on with a new relationship, WLTM genuine male for flirty dates, text fun and more. Pls Call. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383901** ♀**JO** discreet 28yr old Auburn haired beauty looking for a bit of fun back in her life, seeks male to make me smile again. Age/looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383899** ♀**CAROL** alone on a Saturday night with a bag of chips, what am I doing? Sick of being single and looking for a male who can handle a good woman. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383119****ANN** slim blonde female, lovely blue blue eyes, great personality, outgoing, employed, OHAC, WLTM caring 40's male for adult fun and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382085** ♀

A N G E L A

Scottish female, dark hair, green eyes, attractive, new to the area, no ties, OHAC, seeks gentle male for good times and more. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382227****KATIE** pretty slim blonde female, 35, N/S, likes pubs, countryside, meals out, seeking outgoing male for fun times, maybe relationship. Interested? ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382205****CLARE** petite dark haired attractive female with lots of interests, seeking male for mutual companionship. Must be respectful and discreet. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382203****LISA** attractive dental nurse 25, been hurt in the past, looking for romantic male, 35-50yrs for loving friendship, maybe more. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382201****KATHY** 49, seeking male of similar age for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389362****48YR** old female, slim, looking for tall Knight in shining armour for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389348****ANGELA** divorced lady, seeking companion to share days out, cinema, meals etc. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387350**

Men Seeking

Ladies Text n' Chat. Text in now and chat to local people.**Send : CHAT601 To : 65125 (T&C's below)****57YR** old gent, kind, romantic, likes walks, travel, looking for woman, preferably Pompey fan. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388447****MALE** 56, broadminded, passionate, easygoing, seeks lady, 48-65 wanting, passion and exciting friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388417****GENUINE** sincere male, 50, slim, blue eyes, dark hair, fun loving, good company, seeks female to rediscover a full life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385631****MALE** 56, tall, slim, N/S, up for anything, seeks NS female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385045****GOOD** looking fun, friendly, easygoing, sincere male, 46, slim-medium build, hazel eyes, dark hair, nice smile, seeks attractive, caring lady for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385923** ♀**ADE** early 40's, 5ft 10ins, medium build, looking for lady for mutual fun and good times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384495** ♀**TOM** 51, likes keep fit, walks, meals out, seeks female of similar age for fun and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384169** ♀**LOVELY** tall slim nurse, very caring and fun but missing that va-va-voom! Seeks adventurous male who's up for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374159** ♀**KAREN** 58, 5ft 6ins, medium build, fun loving, romantic, caring, extrovert, seeks male of similar age for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387902****TALL** long haired brunette, slim attractive, big green eyes, WLTM gent for mutual companionship, maybe leading to more. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376559****SUE** long blonde haired slim but curvy female, loves to live life to the full, good wine shopping, seeking genuine male 48-60yrs for adult friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380853****SINGLE** dad, 6ft 1ins, forgotten what life is, help! **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390540** ♀**MALE** 5ft 9ins, brown hair, muscular, seeking well spoken Sussex pretty female, under 46, N/S for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390490****STEVE** 48, good looking, single, likes theatre, nights out, history, seeks lady, 35-55. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390476** ♀**TONY** 5ft 9ins, dark hair, slim-medium build, outgoing, seeks female, 25-40. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390468** ♀**DAVID** 58, professional, slim looking for lady for discreet relationship. East Surrey. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367157****RECLUSIVE** unconventional artist, 57, wishing for sensual, sensitive, mature lady to share quiet but exciting mutual natural pleasures in rural seaside home. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387285****EASYGOING** 60's gent, seeks young at heart 50 something lady to share the good things in life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384081**

Gay Seeking

IF YOU'RE LOOKING to connect and chat with other men look no further TXT: **GAY601 to 65125** for 3 chat matches, fun and safe service. (T&C's below)**Go online - www.localgaydate.co.uk****SMALL** N/S male, early 50's, seeks larger older male for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388386****RICHARD** 38, ex model, passive, likes horses, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379097** ♀**BI** guy submissive, late 40's, slim, seeks older dominant guy to yield to. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389256****33YR** old bi male, seeking discreet male of similar age for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389236****Contact members by phone:****0906 515 7112 0906 515 7114 0844 800 1188****Contact members by TEXT!**

If an advert has a ♀ next to it then you can reply to this advertiser by text message. Simply send **KOS** followed by the box number of the advertiser you wish to respond to plus your message and send it to 78850*

See who has left you a message:**Take a look at our members!**

When you see a ♀ symbol, this mean the member has a photo. Text **PIC397(space)**the advertisers mailbox number, and send to 88833* to receive it straight to your mobile.

Customer Support**Show us your smile!**

Text your solo picture along with your 6 digit mailbox number(space)4 digit pin No. under your photo, to 0779 366 6363. Or email: support@jmediauk.co.uk with your Mailbox & pin number.



FOOD & DRINK **Flavours of Kent**

To be included on this page, please email
features@kosmedia.co.uk

The Red Lion still roars in a display of culinary pride

It is one of life's more dispiriting experiences... the well-meaning recommendation of the idyllic Kentish country pub that in fact pitches you up at some charmless 1970s box surrounded by new housing estates on the edge of town. Dispiriting and indeed increasingly frequent to the point where you wonder whether such places actually exist. The good news, however, is that they do.

Standing head and shoulders above a sea of mediocrity with, it should be stressed, a select few, is The Red Lion in Stodmarsh. But then it always has, at least for as long as I can remember.

Run for so long and so memorably by the wonderfully eccentric Robert Whigham, who enjoyed his own sliver of television fame on a show devoted to Red Lions across the country, the pub is now in the hands of his daughter Charlotte and her partner Justin Legge.

The chef is Justin's brother Darren, whose work has in recent years graced both The Old Coach And Horses in Harbledown and Riverside Restaurant Bar And Grill in Canterbury.

Justin and Darren's father was Dave Lee, the much-loved comedian who died earlier this year. All in all, you can't help but feel that here, in its way, lies a place at the heart of east Kent.

RESTAURANT REVIEW



Nevertheless, it is not a place known to the greater masses, most of whom rarely – and perhaps thankfully – stray far from the beaten track... or A road, for that matter. However, those who have chanced upon it join the locals in what can sometimes appear a celebration of simply being somewhere good.

The feel is wholly rustic and, even if the realities of the 21st century beat within us all, here's somewhere whose warm, intimate and welcoming environment takes us back to a place that perhaps many of us feel has been lost in the furore around us.

This is a pub that serves food... good food. Refreshingly, appearances here are not deceptive and I felt completely relaxed in selecting it for a meal with two friends.

Two of us started with duck hash cake with fried egg and brown sauce, which was a sheer delight, while the third of our number enjoyed her crab toasties so much she wondered whether she could have more all over again for her main.

Happily, however, there were more than enough options for her to expand her culinary experience for the evening and she selected smoked-haddock risotto with mussels, which she declared "absolutely delicious".

In what was becoming something of a theme, the third man and I again went down the same path, both choosing belly of pork ("with crackling!") and crab-apple jelly. Flawless.

Pick of the desserts was the bread-and-butter pudding with custard, while the Doom Bar ale matched the excellent food. An overall price of £91 for three could not be faulted, either.

Lovely pub, lovely village, lovely food, lovely beer. All really rather... well, lovely.

Dave Mairs

■ The Red Lion, Stodmarsh Road,
Stodmarsh, near Canterbury CT3 4BA.
Telephone 01227 721339

Head chef welcomed into his new Abode

THE Old Brewery Tavern in Canterbury has appointed a new head chef.

Anthony Gardiner will lead the team at the restaurant-bar, which is owned by the nearby Abode Hotel, associated with celebrity chef Michael Caines.

Kent-born Gardiner studied catering at Thanet College before working at The Fayreness Hotel, Kingsgate, and The Royal, Ramsgate. He also took the position of head chef at Eddie Gilbert's seafood restaurant in Ramsgate.

He said: "I was very eager to work with some fantastic chefs in the industry, especially under Michael Caines. I understand the importance of locally-sourced food for the company. The new menu has some amazing dishes."

Universities wanted for culinary revolution

CATERING boffins are looking for a university to create the first food and drink engineering degree.

Universities across the country are invited to compete to become the UK's centre of excellence for food and drink and help promote the discipline as a distinct profession.

A Food And Drink Federation chief said: "A similar centre of excellence has been successfully created for the UK's dairy sector... however, a uni-based centre for food engineering won't be serving a single sector but setting standards for the entire industry."

To advertise in this section
Call 01303 817111
www.kentnews.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

Opening Soon

NEW Indian Takeaway

in Lower Stoke

Call for more info

07983919607

**Continued
Easter
Caravan Sale**

Superb Value on a Great Park

CALL NEW ROMNEY CARAVAN PARK NOW ON

01797 362247

Brand New 2011 stock must be cleared
Pre-owned stock from £6995
Fantastic plots still available

Don't Miss Out Call Hector on
07737 007 477

KENT ATTRACTIONS

Free Forces family fun Dig and dump

Diggerland, Strood
Saturday, April 21
0871 2277007
www.diggerland.com

DIGGERLAND is holding a free day out for Armed Forces personnel and their families when, on Saturday, April 21, the Strood theme park opens its gates to those who have served their country. The event was such a success in 2011 that this year there will be £35,000 worth of free entry tickets given to members of the Forces. Diggerland is the only place where children and adults alike can ride and drive JCB diggers and dumpers. Diggerland will be open from 10am-5pm and Armed Forces Day tickets can be ordered via the website.



Current military photo identification is required when arriving on the day, together with pre-booked tickets, limited to four per family. Diggerland will also be open

to everyone else as normal, with tickets priced at £17 per person; children under 90 centimetres have free entry and tickets for anyone aged 65 and over cost £8.50.



St George's Day party English celebration

Riverside Country Park, Gillingham
Saturday, April 21
01634 843666; www.whatsonmedway.co.uk

BUILD sandcastles, dance to big-band sounds and even rub shoulders with Shakespeare at Medway's third annual English Festival. Held on the closest Saturday to St George's Day, the free family day out celebrates all things English and attracts thousands of visitors. Among the attractions will be a specially-created beach complete with deckchairs and donkey rides; Shakespeare's birthday party; Suffolk Punch horses; have-a-go archery; and St George himself, along with his fiery but friendly dragon.

Fashion accessories brought into focus Summer trending

McArthurGlen designer outlet, Ashford
Saturday, April 21
01233 895903
deborah.eastlake@mcarthurglen.com

THE McArthurGlen style consultant, Deborah Eastlake, will be hosting an Accessories Masterclass to show off this summer's hottest designs and trends. Fashion buffs are encouraged to head down to the outlet centre on Saturday, April 21, to find out which items are hot off the 2012 catwalks. "After the whirlwind of Fashion Week, one of the recurring trends that prevailed was to accessorise, accessorise, accessorise!" said Deborah. "As a key trend this summer, it is important to get it right. Over-accessorising can make outfits too gaudy, while under-accessorising can make it fade into the background." The masterclass will take place at 10am at the Style Suite in the southern end of the centre. To book your place, contact Deborah Eastlake on deborah.eastlake@mcarthurglen.com.

The old ones are the best Eric Knowles

Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells
Sunday, June 3, at 2pm
01892 530613

ANTIQUES Roadshow star Eric Knowles is one of those rare individuals who is able to share his extensive knowledge with all who listen. With more than 20 years'

working on the BBC show under his belt, Knowles has become the friendly face of what for many years was a business shrouded in mystery. In his new show, Antique Antics, Knowles talks about a business in which he has been immersed for more than 30 years. The first part of the evening is given over to his favourite tales and this is followed by a detailed look at a selection of the audience's treasures, which the star will pick out at the initial meet-and-greet session before the show.



Kent BRIDE Magazine is on sale NOW!

Over £5,000 of prizes to be won



Plus

- Real-life weddings • Venues • Bridal stores • Photographers • Florists
- Wedding cars • Groom dress hire • Wedding cakes and so much more.

Kent BRIDE is on sale now at all good retail outlets or call **01303 817072** to order for home delivery. You can order your copy online by visiting: www.buyamag.co.uk/kentbride

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA



Read APP about it

Read Kent's weekend newspapers anytime, anywhere on your iPhone and iPad



Visit the Apple AppStore, search 'Kent News' to download your free App

www.kentnews.co.uk ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

STAGE & ARTS

To be included on this page, please email features@kosmedia.co.uk

It's the future of young jazz Sound of youth

Dock Road, Chatham
Friday, April 20, at 7.30pm
01634 365352
Tickets £10

THE Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra is heading to Chatham alongside guest instrumentalist Pete Long on alto saxophone. The group has made a big name for itself playing an exciting brand of music at concert halls, jazz clubs and open-air festivals all over Kent and beyond. Under musical director Graham Mann, the orchestra guarantees arrangements of jazz standards, fusion and jazz rock that will grab you instantly and have you on your feet demanding more. At this RAF Association Club gig, the team will be joined by alto sax giant Long, who has led his own small groups and big bands, none bigger indeed than Ronnie Scott's Big Band, who he leads regularly at the famous West End jazz club.



Boogie Nights Add Aswad to Alexander

The Orchard, Dartford
Saturday, April 28, at 7.30pm
01322 220000
www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

DONT forget to shine, shine like a star because legendary pop-reggae group Aswad are heading to The Orchard Theatre in Dartford. After 15 albums and two

decades on the music scene, Aswad remain one of Britain's best-loved reggae bands. They are renowned among fans for their rich melodies and especially their major hits On And On, Don't Turn Around and Shine. The group will be on the same bill as soul legend Alexander O'Neal, having had six albums chart both in the UK and the US and spending more than 162 weeks in the Guinness book of albums. It's all part of the Boogie Nights entertainment show, for which tickets are priced at £27.50.



Let's talk about sexes Lee Hurst is on tour

The Gulbenkian, Canterbury
Thursday, April 26
01227 769075
www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

CHEEKY, chatty and crowd-pleasing comedian Lee Hurst is hitting the road with his first tour in 10 years. Man V Woman is based on a show that Hurst performs in his Bethnal Green comedy club. Audience members get the chance to write down the questions that they've always wanted to ask about each other. In the second half, Hurst will work through these questions, giving everyone the opportunity to finally find out what makes the opposite sex tick. Hurst is best known as one of the stars of BBC One's comedy sports quiz They Think It's All Over, his participation helping it attract more than 12 million viewers.

Taiko drums See what they bang on about

The Orchard, Dartford
Wednesday, May 23
01322 220 000
www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

MUGENKYO Taiko Drummers will head to Dartford next month for a concert of powerful taiko rhythms, huge drums, striking choreography and atmospheric percussion

presented in a dramatic and theatrical stage show. Last year the team thrilled the 40,000-strong audience at London's Proms In The Park as well as producing a collaboration with the Scottish National Jazz Orchestra at the London Jazz Festival. This spring's tour sees the return of New York shinobue player Nobuko Miyazaki. In 2012 the two founders of the group, Neil Mackie and Miyuki Williams, celebrate 20 years since first travelling to Japan and starting on their taiko path. Tickets are priced at £20.50.



homes24.co.uk

it's property for Medway and Swale

Kent on Sunday

Alzheimer's sufferers are swindled out of £2.4m by con artists

LOOK WHO'S BACK

MONSTER SALE STARTS DEC 27TH

20% OFF

Your Medway

Care home fury grows as closure review set in motion

FAREWELL TO FRANK?

A-CLASS

Your Swale

Shoppers buck the trend in a boost to our town

GONE FAR TOO SOON

20% OFF

Kent on Sunday

Alzheimer's sufferers are swindled out of £2.4m by con artists

LOOK WHO'S BACK

MONSTER SALE STARTS DEC 27TH

20% OFF

Your Swale

Shoppers buck the trend in a boost to our town

GONE FAR TOO SOON

20% OFF

Kent on Sunday

Alzheimer's sufferers are swindled out of £2.4m by con artists

LOOK WHO'S BACK

MONSTER SALE STARTS DEC 27TH

Please pick up your **FREE WEEKLY** local property guide inside these newspapers



Kent at your service

To Advertise

Email us at classified@kosmedia.co.uk

Telephone us on 01303 817150



Fax us on 01303 817001

AIR CONDITIONING

AMBA Air Conditioning

- Car air conditioning service and repair.
- Mobile service, we come to you.
- Evening and weekend appointments.
- See website for prices and special offers.
- Fully qualified and insured.

Telephone: 01795 857869
Mobile: 07808 921942
www.ambairconditioning.co.uk

BUILDING SERVICES

DJM All property work undertaken with over 40 years experience

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

- Windows • Building • Electrical • Gas
- Drainage • Carpentry • Plumbing • External Work •

SPECIAL RATES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Call for a **FREE** quote **01795 844789**
8am-8pm 7 DAYS A WEEK

BUILDING SERVICES

First Rate Service, Quality Products

FENCING Custom made to your specifications

An independent builder's merchant providing a wide range of materials and services including bag materials, paving, timber, decking and much more.

B&K MASTERS & SON
01795 842242 Over 60 yrs experience

Woodgate Lane, Danaway, Nr. Borden, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 1QB just off M2 & A249

DOUBLE GLAZING

ENHANCE YOUR HOME WITH
EST 1966

Finesse

WINDOWS DOORS & CONSERVATORIES

No deposit required
Payment on complete satisfaction

FENSA
Registered No: 12792

For free quotes, ring:
01795 661616

DOUBLE GLAZING

Miranda
DOUBLE GLAZING REPAIRS

Clearly a name you can trust
Meeting your needs - however big or small - with over 20 years experience

- Broken Hinges
- Misted sealed Units
- Window Lock
- Hinges
- Window Handles
- Broken Glass
- Letterboxes
- Patio Door Wheels
- Door Locks
- Door Handles

AND MANY OTHER ITEMS HELD IN STOCK
FAST, FRIENDLY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
ALL WORK GUARANTEED

For a free quote call now
01634 717400
www.mdgrepairs.co.uk

Unit 15, Dickens Court, Enterprise Close, Medway City Estate, Rochester, Kent ME2 4LY
DOUBLE GLAZING SPARE PARTS COUNTER
TRADE AND PUBLIC WELCOME

ELECTRICAL

PAYNE & SON ELECTRICAL

Part P Registered

Tel: 01795 553633
Mob: 07931 869263

- Rewires
- Inspection & testing
- No job too big or too small

www.payneandsonselectrical.co.uk

ELECTRICAL

10% discount with this advert

Mercer Electrical

Part P Registered
From extra sockets to rewiring
Free estimates and advice
No job too small
25 years experience
24 hour call-out

Tel: 01634 684729
Mob: 07917 368194

GENERAL SERVICES

AFFORDABLE WOOD BURNING STOVES
from £334 delivered

Specialising in Country Kiln Wood Burning and Multi Fuel Stoves

T. 01560 483 966
www.woodburningstoveslimited.com

FENCING

Orchard-Fencing Ltd Est. 1989

Offering an extensive range of fencing & materials for Commercial, Domestic, Industrial & Agricultural service

Providing a bespoke gate & trellis manufacturing service & offering expert trade & retail advice

Huge Stock - Low Prices

www.orchardfencing.co.uk
info@orchardfencing.co.uk

Landau Way • Darent Park Industrial Estate
Wallhouse Road • Erith • Kent • DA8 2LF
Call us today for a competitive price on **01322 347799**

Welling Branch Orchard Fencing Ltd
Stephenson Close, Welling, Kent DA16 3AT
Telephone **0208 855 6961** Fax **0208 316 0303**

Catford Branch Orchard Fencing Ltd
Ardoch Road, Catford, London SE6 1SZ
Telephone **0208 698 4064** Fax **0208 698 9146**

GARDENING / LANDSCAPING

Turfing
Walling
Patio
Pergolas
Block Paving
Ponds
Rockeries
Decking

FREE Advice & Estimates
35yrs experience

D&A Landscapes
01634 684178 | 01634 232801

GARDENING / LANDSCAPING

Mr Dig-it's Garden Service

Complete maintenance achieved at realistic prices

Makeovers • Mowing • Fencing • Repairs

For a fast friendly and very reliable service call Peter
Tel: 01634 574676
Mobile: 07787 813512
Find me in yellow pages

GARDENING / LANDSCAPING

English Country Gardens

- ✳ Garden Clearance
- ✳ Design & General Maintenance
- ✳ Turfing & Lawn Care
- ✳ Patios & Drives Jet Washed
- ✳ Fencing

No Job Too Small for a Free Quotation

Please Call Our Friendly Family Run Business
07445 511208 (anytime)
01634 811361 (evening)
Est. Over 20 years

GENERAL SERVICES

ALL TONES
BUILDING & DECORATING

EXTENSIONS/RENOVATIONS
CARPENTRY/JOINERY
PLASTERING/DECORATING
KITCHEN/BATHROOM DESIGN & INSTALL
GARDEN LANDSCAPING

CALL PAUL:
07586 854 866
01322 528 248
TO BEAT ANY GENUINE WRITTEN QUOTATION.

ALL WORK UNDERTAKEN
NO JOB TOO SMALL
FRIENDLY, RELIABLE & FULLY INSURED

HANDYMAN

The Local Handyman

Plumbing (City & Guilds Qualified) ~ Bathrooms
Washing Machines Installed ~ Radiators Moved
Landlords / Property Maintenance ~ Guttering
Painting/Decorating ~ Flat Pack Assembly
Garden Maintenance ~ Hedge Trimming
Laminate Flooring ~ General Repairs ~ Odd Jobs
No job too small ~ References Available
Fully Insured ~ All areas of Kent covered
Call Clive: 07765 663322

LOFT SERVICES

HIGHVIEW
LOFT CONVERSION SPECIALIST

- Quality • Reliability
- Economy for over 25 years

Design & planning Service if required.

Numerous references available upon request

For a friendly free Survey & Quotation
Tel: 01795 522733
E-Mail highviewloft@hotmail.co.uk

MOTORS

CARS WANTED FOR CASH

ALL VEHICLES FROM LARGE VANS, 4X4S TO SMALL CARS
WITH AND WITHOUT M.O.T'S.

WE OFFER A VERY GOOD RATE,
A VERY FAST COLLECTION SERVICE
WITH FULL RECEIPT ON PURCHASE.

PLEASE CALL FOR QUOTES:
07940179944 - KCC REGISTERED



Kent at your service

To Advertise

Email us at classified@kosmedia.co.uk

Telephone us on 01303 817150



Fax us on 01303 817001

MOTORS

QCR CAR REPAIRS
01634 238777

ADVANCED CAR DIAGNOSTIC FAULT FINDING
ALL ASPECTS OF VEHICLE ELECTRICAL WORK UNDERTAKEN

AIR CON RE-GASSING

Any Car Repairs
Air Bag Faults
Immobiliser Faults
ABS Faults
Air Con Faults
Servicing & M.O.T.s

Diesel Injector Testing, Key Fob Repairs, Blown Fuses, Wiring Loom Repairs, Convertible Roof Repairs, Exhaust Emission Testing to MoT Standard, Any Car Repairs Undertaken, Alarm Faults, Throttle Pedals, ECU Repairs for: Engine Management, BSI Units Body Control Units, Fuel Injection Cleaning For Petrol & Diesel Engines.

M.O.T. £49.99 - If your vehicle fails you get a free re-test if taken 14 days after original test

ENGINE MANAGEMENT LIGHTS
Wiper Motors, Head Lamp Bulbs, CD Players, Throttle Bodies, Service Lights, Radio Codes, Key Fobs, Key Programming, Heater Blowers, Alternators, Starter Motors, Code Reading, Batteries, Dashboard Repairs, Central Locking, Electric Windows, Lambda Sensors, Exhaust Cuts, Coil Parts, Mass Airflow Sensors.

CAR SERVICING
Servicing for all makes of cars and small vans. Approved manufacturer parts used. Over 30 years of experience. All work carried out to the highest standard. All work guaranteed.

CALL MICK on: 01634 238777 or 07801 429527
1 HOTFIELD ROAD, RAINHAM, KENT ME8 8BJ (just off Station Road)
www.qcrsales.co.uk Email: qcrogers@hotmail.com

PLANT AND TOOL HIRE

visit us @
rapidplant.com

Mini-Diggers
From **£30** to **£85**

Rotovators
From **£13**

Cement Mixers

Swale 01795 423505
Medway 01634 540027

Maidstone 01622 320039
Canterbury 01227 250051

RAPID PLANT HIRE

REMOVALS

10% DISCOUNT WITH THIS ADVERT

MAN & VAN

Stewart's Light Removals & Delivery Service
Reliable & Competitive

DIRECT LINE
07749 006743
01634 409626

REMOVALS

MAN, VAN & SAM REMOVALS

No job too small
DSS Welcome. 24 hour service.
Free estimates. Friendly advice and competitive rates.
Storage facility available.
www.manvanandsam.co.uk

01634 280085 07889 308755
Local Authority Approved

TYRES

RikFit **OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK**

PART WORN From TYRES £8

Brakes, Suspension, Mots, Mot failure work.

01634 540 057
2 Cossack Street, Rochester, Kent, ME1 2EF

TUTORS

WinchmoreTutors Ltd

Home Tuition in Kent

Winchmore Tutors is the only Department for Education 'Quality Marked' tuition agency, offering tailored tuition to students across Kent.

We offer:

- * 11+ and common entrance prep
- * KS1 - KS3 tutors
- * GCSE tutors
- * A-level tutors
- * SEN tutors

Our tutors are interviewed face to face, fully screened and vetted, hold valid CRB checks and are qualified.

Our Tunbridge Wells office covers Medway, Swale, Sevenoaks, Canterbury and the rest of Kent.

Call Us: 01892 704 139
www.winchmoretutors.com
Tutors welcome to apply

MOTORS

A2 VEHICLE RECYCLING LTD

TOP PRICES PAID FOR CARS & COMMERCIAL RUNNERS/NON-RUNNERS. Anything Considered

We Deal with all Paperwork No Comeback Guaranteed

All Scrap Vehicles Recycled at Authorised Recycling Centre

*** SAME DAY COLLECTION**
*** OUR PRICES ARE GUARANTEED**
*** NO HAGGLING ON COLLECTION**

We Do Our Best To Beat Any Genuine Offer

Give us a call - your car may be worth more than you think

£125 - £500 Paid for scrap vehicles*
£10 Extra for alloy wheels
£250 - £10,000 paid for good vehicles*
*price depending on current scrap market

Tel: 07546 158533
01634 540057

- Certificate of destruction available on request
- Open 7 days a week 8am till 8pm
- Fully licensed and insured to take away your vehicle

PLUMBING

TJ Plumbing & Heating Services

- Service and installation
- Replacement and repair
- Gas fires, combi boilers, water heaters & cookers
- Fully insured and reliable service

Boiler Service £50
Landlords Certificate £60
Boiler Breakdown Cover £5.99

01795 475391 • 07912 940875

PLUMBING

BayMar

Plumbing and Heating Ltd

All aspects of plumbing & Heating work undertaken

Tel: 07773058696

533887

RUBBISH CLEARANCE

RUBBISH - RUBBISH RUBBISH

ESTABLISHED FOR 12 YEARS

We can clear your rubbish from your house garden, garage etc.
Concrete bases and drives removed.
Also small demolition work done.
For more details and a free quote

Phone Keith on
01634 268420
or 07881 476892

keithwaste@hotmail.com
KCC REGISTERED & INSURED

ROOFING

Danny Clarke
The Flat Roofing Specialist

- Free Estimates and advice
- **Special Offer ~ GARAGE ROOFS only £500!**

All works Guaranteed for 10 YEARS
07508 776459

WASHING MACHINES

CITY AND GUILDS TRAINED ENGINEER EX REME

WASHING MACHINES, DRYERS, COOKERS, DISHWASHERS, FRIDGES, ETC. REPAIRED BY

SQUADMATIC

Same day/next day service, 95% of repairs completed on first call. Most repairs cost £30-£65.

Office 24hrs (01634) 373515.
Engineer 07702 255105.
Mon-Fri 7am - 9pm, Sat 8am - 5pm.
Free call-out/estimate

ROOFING

Cooper-Brett Roofing Specialists

- NEW ROOF SPECIALISTS
- SAME DAY ROOF REPAIRS
- SLATE/TILE & FLAT ROOFING

TRADING STANDARDS ACCREDITED

QUALITY ROOFING SERVICE SINCE 1969
A QUOTE FROM US IS HARD TO BEAT

Medway Fair Trader scheme
Medway Council's Trading Standards Accredited

INSURANCE BACKED GUARANTEE

Tel: 01634 624034



First **GEAR**
MOTERING NEWS

- Toyota ups the hybrid ante with larger Prius
- Skoda launches new ultra-eco city car Citigo
- Jaguar continues its dynasty with the F-Type



Mercedes to take on the '4x4 posers' with stylish M-Class

Driving

carsforkent.co.uk

By Sam Davison
editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

AFTER some years in the creative doldrums, nobody could say that Citroën isn't now back to its maverick best.

We've had the C5 attack German premium marques with its teutonic styling, the DS3 take a pop at BMW's lucrative Mini sales, and there's even a C6 luxury model evoking memories of the original DS series from 1955-75 – it isn't a great seller but has focused attention on the brand.

And now we have the latest new-age DS, taking on premium SUVs like the Audi Q3 and BMW X1 and X3 – what will the French marque have a go at next?

Even then it's not easy to define the new DS5, since it looks a different car from all angles: it's tall, but it's long – and yet it's shorter than you think.

The bit we can nail down is that it costs from £22,400, ranging up to £32,200 for the flagship DSport spec with Hybrid4 powertrain – counterpart to sister brand Peugeot's 3008 Hybrid4 that's also just hit the market.

The hybrid format (from £27,600) brings the DS5 into conflict with all-wheel drive SUVs by virtue of the electric power to rear wheels – the front ones are powered conventionally by the car's 163bhp 2.0-litre diesel engine.

Citroën obviously fancies winding up the Germans again by appealing particularly to image-conscious company car user choosers who also have an eye on their tax bill.

They will note that the Hybrid4's dual powertrain can combine to deliver sparkling performance and traction, while CO2 emissions below 100g/km exempt it from both road tax and the London Congestion Charge, while business users pay a Benefit-in-Kind tax rate of just 10 per cent.

On the other hand, there are some good powertrains to choose from the cheaper models: the powerful and smooth 200bhp THP petrol unit developed jointly by Peugeot-Citroën and BMW, plus two diesel options.

And while the eye-catching exterior might, nevertheless, divide opinion you can be sure that few people will dislike the luxurious aviation-inspired cabin.

This adaptable five-door also has five full-size seats and up to 465 litres of boot space, with hi-tech goodies such as keyless access and start, a colour head-up display and a new Lane Departure Warning System (LDWS) for when the driver gets sleepy on long journeys – a potential life-rt-saver.

Perhaps not surprisingly for such an innovative car, the DS5 had already picked up several awards ahead of launch, including Top Gear magazine's Family Car of the Year award.

It also secured the maximum five-star Euro NCAP crash test rating and Citroën expects the car to appeal most to men over 35 who are "typically energetic business leaders – sophisticated, style conscious and early adopters of new technologies."



CITROËN DS5

- Price: £22,400-£32,200
- Driving appeal: To be tested
- Image: ★★★★★
- Space: ★★★★★
- Value: ★★★★★
- Running costs: ★★★★★
- Reliability: ★★★★★
- How green?: ★★★★★
- Best rival: Nissan Qashqui

Flight of fancy as aviation style takes off with latest Citroën DS



MAKING ITS MARQUE: Citroën's new DS5 continues the French car-maker's turnaround with stylish-looking cars that are now making a real impact in the motoring industry

/// DON'T LIKE ///

... after some years in the creative doldrums, nobody could say that Citroën isn't now back to its maverick best.

/// NOT SURE ///

... the car will retain its value on the used market. It might be a premium car, but Citroën is not perceived as a premium brand.

/// REALLY LIKE ///

... the DS5's defiance of categorisation. It does so with real style and class, unlike Renault's ill-fated Avantime and Vel Satis of the Noughties.

SIMPLY CLEVER

ŠKODA



ŠKODA approved
used cars at
Sherlodge Garage



Peace of mind from ŠKODA

So you know your used ŠKODA is in good shape, our fully qualified ŠKODA technicians give it a comprehensive workshop check before delivery. You don't have to worry about anything - just choose the right car for you.

ŠKODA Fabia

06 06 1.2 12v (70bhp) Ambiente 5dr Estate Storm Blue	55,353 miles	£4,500
09 59 1.2 12v (70bhp) 2 5dr Corrida Red	10,382 miles	£7,000
09 09 1.4 TDi (80bhp) 2 5dr Anthracite Grey	23,687 miles	£8,000
10 60 1.2 12v (70bhp) SE 5dr Anthracite Grey	7,016 miles	£8,000
11 11 1.2 TSi (86ps) SE 5dr Hatch Brilliant Silver	9,379 miles	£8,700
11 11 1.2 TSi (86ps) Elegance 5dr Cappuccino	13,787 miles	£9,500
11 11 1.2 TSi (86ps) Elegance 5dr Brilliant Silver	15,601 miles	£9,500
11 11 1.2 TSi (105ps) SE 5dr Estate Anthracite Grey	13,458 miles	£10,200
11 61 1.2 TSi (86ps) SE Plus 5dr Estate Silver	4,604 miles	£10,437
11 11 1.6 TDi (75ps) SE Plus 5dr Aqua Blue	10,973 miles	£10,500
11 11 1.6 TDi (105ps) SE 5dr Estate Cappuccino	15,914 miles	£10,797
11 61 1.6 TDi (90ps) SE Plus 5dr Hatch Anthracite Grey		£10,837
11 61 1.2 TSi DSG (105ps) SE 5dr Hatch Pacific Blue	3,425	£12,000
ŠKODA Roomster		
11 61 1.2 12v (70bhp) SE Plus 5dr MPV Steel Grey		£10,391
ŠKODA Octavia		
05 05 1.6 FSi (115bhp) Elegance 5dr Hatch Nature Green	23,063 miles	£5,000
08 58 1.6 FSi (115bhp) Ambiente 5dr Hatch Highland Green	27,283 miles	£6,200
08 58 1.9 TDi (105bhp) Ambiente 5dr Hatch Cappuccino	76,594 miles	£6,700

09 09 1.9 TDi (105bhp) Ambiente 5dr Silver	71,893 miles	£7,000
07 07 1.9 TDi (105bhp) Elegance 5dr Hatch Diamond Silver	72,462 miles	£7,000
11 11 1.6 MPi (102bhp) SE 5dr Hatch Aqua Blue	11,052 miles	£8,997
11 11 1.6 MPi (102bhp) SE 5dr Corrida Red	6,819 miles	£9,500
11 11 1.4 TSi (122ps) SE 5dr Hatch Arctic Green	13,210 miles	£10,500
11 11 1.4 TSi (122ps) Elegance 5dr Estate Anthracite Grey	8,730 miles	£12,000
11 61 1.8 TSi (152ps) SE Plus 5dr Aqua Blue	3,105 miles	£12,127
11 61 1.8 TSi (152ps) SE Plus 5dr Hatch Brilliant Silver		£12,127
11 11 1.6 TDi DSG (105ps) S 5dr Estate Arctic Green	15,027 miles	£12,700
11 61 1.8 TSi (152ps) SE Plus 5dr Estate Arctic Green		£12,993
09 09 2.0 TDi (170bhp) vRS 5dr Hatch Race Blue		£13,000
11 61 1.6 TDi (105ps) SE 5dr Hatch Corrida Red	9,260 miles	£13,371
11 11 1.6 TDi (105ps) SE 5dr Hatch Black Magic	TBA miles	£13,681
11 61 2.0 TDi (140bhp) Elegance 5dr Hatch Aqua Blue	5,386 miles	£15,779
11 61 2.0 TDi (170bhp) vRS 5dr Hatch Anthracite Grey		£17,347
11 61 1.8 TSi DSG (152ps) L&K 5dr Estate Black Magic		£18,537
ŠKODA Yeti		
11 61 2.0 TDi (110ps) SE 5dr Hatch Steel Grey	5,966 miles	£18,000
ŠKODA Superb		
03 03 1.9 TDi (130bhp) Classic 4dr Saloon Sensual Red	46,948 miles	£4,000
10 60 2.0 TDi DSG (170ps) Elegance 5dr Estate Amethyst Purple	10,410 miles	£19,900
11 61 2.0 TDi DSG (170ps) Elegance 5dr Hatch Amazonian Green	7,527 miles	£20,061
11 61 2.0 TSi DSG (200ps) Elegance 5dr Estate Black Magic	2,215 miles	£22,617



13 Fabia
models from just
£4,500



1 Roomster
model just
£10,391



1 Yeti
model just
£18,000



18 Octavia
models from just
£5,000



4 Superb
models from just
£4,000

Choose from our comprehensive range of approved used vehicles in stock all with:

- > Comprehensive parts and labour warranty
- > 1 year's free RAC Roadside Assistance
- > Multi-point vehicle inspection check
- > Vehicle status checks
- > 30 day / 1000 mile exchange

Prices and specifications are accurate at time of print. Offers may be varied or withdrawn at any time and are not available in conjunction with any other offer. Models shown for illustrational purposes only.

Contact us at:

📍 **Sherlodge Garage**

26 Hoath Lane
Wigmore
Gillingham
ME8 0SW

☎ **08433 201667**

🌐 **www.kentskoda.co.uk**

MOTORING

Visit carsforkent.co.uk

Three-door Veloster opens new door for coupé buyers

By Sam Davison

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

HYUNDAI left the coupé sector in 2009, after a series of models, latterly delivering style plus fun, to go with the marque's familiar value.

However, with the Korean brand now riding high in the UK public eye through acclaimed mainstream 'i' models, like the newly-launched second generation i30, it was perhaps natural that Hyundai would revisit the glamour of the coupé sector.

It has done so by, typically, trying to offer more for your money than perceived rivals like the racy VW Scirocco or three-door coupé versions of standard hatchbacks such as the eye-catching Vauxhall Astra GTC.

With the Veloster (from £17,995), you get looks as arresting as the VW and Vauxhall, plus an extra side door, and the usual Hyundai value for money, high specification and five-year unlimited mileage warranty.

That additional door – kerbside for rear passengers – could be a winner for some buyers with young children, who might want a racy motor, but don't want the hassle of tipping front seats or leaning right into the back to belt up their kids.

It's also a unique proposition on the UK market; the only rival is the Mini Clubman, which also has a single rear side door, but on the wrong side – who wants their children exiting on the opposite side to the pavement?

The Veloster's extra door is nicely integrated into the car's profile and, since you never view both sides together, you'll never spot the difference anyway – though the curious will note that the rear side windows and centre pillars are different.

The overall style of the car is low slung with a particularly rakish rear roofline that, as in any coupé, compromises rear headroom, while legroom is also fairly tight.

Still, there is a decent size boot and ultimate

HYUNDAI VELOSTER 1.6GDI DCT: PRICE £19,245

FACT FILE



Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★
Value:	★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★
How green?:	★★★
Road tax:	£135/year
Best rival:	Vauxhall Astra GTC
Kent dealers:	
Motorline:	
Canterbury	01227 817555
Maidstone	01622 624070
Hyundai:	
Tunbridge Wells	01892 520026

AN ADDED

BONUS: The Veloster's additional door will appeal to those buyers who might want a racy car but don't want the hassle of tipping front seats or leaning into the back to strap in their children

load area with seats folded and the Veloster has much else to recommend inside too; the brand continues its seemingly unstoppable rise in interior quality and design, although it would be nice to see some real brushed alloy highlights rather than coloured plastic versions.

The big standard fit central information/entertainment screen is well thought out and the dashboard controls are logical and nicely to hand, so the car offers coupé-style without great compromises in practicality – many canny buyers will like that a lot, in conjunction with a tempting price and that Hyundai warranty.

You also get lots for your money: our entry level 1.6 GDi model comes with alloys, rear spoiler, tyre pressure monitoring, eco drive indicator, reversing sensors and more that you wouldn't expect.

Where the car does have a problem is with its name: Veloster implies, well, velocity and this car

has none of the coupé variety in its present format.

A 138bhp 1.6-litre petrol unit is the sole engine choice – for now, I hope – and it doesn't really help the car live up to its moniker.

Our test car also happened to be the six-speed DCT auto version, which is slightly slower too though fuel economy is better than the standard six-speed manual car.

By comparison, the Scirocco and Astra GTC line-ups include lively small turbocharged petrol units that deliver the performance to go with styling, and that's just what the Veloster lacks currently.

The good news is the Veloster's chassis has the potential to take the extra power; it keeps its composure and a flat stance on corners and only the lifeless steering detracts from a decent drive.

That said, many buyers won't worry about any of this when coupé looks can be had with such a practical bonus as that third side door.

First GEAR

MOTORING NEWS



Prius larging it across Europe

TOYOTA aims to step up the competition in the hybrid race by launching the first full hybrid seven-seat MPV seen in Europe.

It will do so by extending the successful Prius petrol-electric hybrid brand; the newcomer is called the Prius+ is available to order now, with deliveries starting in July.

Prices start from £26,195 and the key version will be road tax exempt.



Citigo means 'green' for go

SKODA says its all-new ultra-economical Citigo city car is on sale from Friday, June 1, priced from £7,630.

Based on the Up model produced by parent brand VW, the Czech version is more keenly priced to uphold Skoda's status as a value champion.

With a maximum five-star crash safety rating from Euro NCAP, it is also available as a three or five-door.



Jag confirms baby roadster

JAGUAR has confirmed its stunning C-X16 two-seater concept will be turned into a production model, due out in mid-2013.

As the F-Type – slightly disguised in the picture here – it will finally advance a sports car dynasty made famous by the 1960s vintage E-Type roadster and coupé.

Like its predecessor, the F-Type will launch as a two-seat convertible.

WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T MANUFACTURE A STAR



500 TWINAIR
SUPERSTAR AS STANDARD

Fiat 500 models now come with £500 FIAT DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION

Representative Example

FIAT 500 TWINAIR LOUNGE with FIAT i-Deal			
On the road price from	£12760	Opt Fin Payment (inc £285 fee)	£4901
Deposit contribution	£500	Tot amount payable by cust	£12955
Customer deposit	£1250	Rate of interest fixed	0.21%
Amount of credit	£11010	Representative APR	1.40%
36 monthly payments	£179	Annual mileage 6000. Excess miles charge 6p per mile. Duration of contract 37 months.	

J G Burgess & Company

Ufton Lane, ME10 1JB tel: 01795 423815

Opening times: 0800-1800 Mon-Fri, 0830-1600 Sat, closed sun & public hols



Fiat, the car brand with the lowest average CO₂ emissions in Europe! Fiat 500 TwinAir, the lowest CO₂ emission petrol car engine in the world*. Fuel consumption for Fiat 500 TwinAir in mpg (l/100km): Urban 57.6 (4.9); Extra Urban 76.3 (3.7); Combined 68.9 (4.1). CO₂ emissions 95 g/km.

Terms and conditions apply. Retail customers only. Not available in conjunction with any other offer. Offer may be varied at any time. With Fiat i-Deal you have the option to return the vehicle and not pay the final payment subject to the vehicle being in good condition & not exceeding an agreed annual mileage (6000 in the above example). Offer subject to status. A guarantee or indemnity may be required. Fiat Financial Services, PO Box 4465, Slough SL1 0RW. We work with a number of creditors to provide finance to our customers including FGA Capital T/A Fiat Financial Services. Offer valid for registrations by 30/6/2012.



Get in gear for a new car



Search and find 1000s of Kent cars online

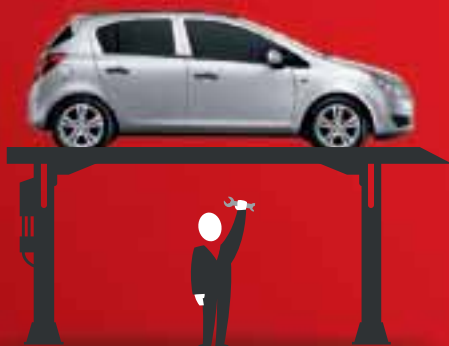
CarsforKent.co.uk

The smart way to find a car in the County

POWERED BY KOS MEDIA



Fixed. Price.



Brake pads just

£99*

Inc. fitting & VAT

✓ Vauxhall Trained Technicians

✓ Genuine Vauxhall Parts

✓ Minimum 12 Month Warranty

✓ Outstanding Value

✓ Available on models 3 years plus*

At Vauxhall MasterFit our great value fixed prices across a range of repairs mean the low price you see, is always the low price you'll pay. Why take your Vauxhall anywhere else?

For full details contact your local Vauxhall MasterFit Retailer or visit London Road, Sittingbourne, ME9 9AQ



Discs & Pads



Cambelt



Shock Absorbers



Clutch*

MasterFit
www.masterfit.co.uk

Pomphreys

0800 146 039
www.pomphreys.co.uk

London Road
Bapchild
Sittingbourne
ME9 9AQ



VAUXHALL

*Offers valid until 30.06.12 at participating Vauxhall MasterFit Retailers only. Price applies to selected models aged between 3-10 years old up to 2.0L engines only, excluding VXR models. Fixed price offer may apply to other models. Vehicles fitted with IDS are excluded from Shock Absorber offer. *Clutch repair excludes fly wheel replacements. Retail customers only. Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Every effort has been made to ensure the contents of this publication were accurate at the time of going to press. Vauxhall reserves the right to retract or modify the terms of this promotion at any time.

£1000
MIN PART
EXCHANGE
ON ALL
4X4

www.grovehurstcars.co.uk • www.grovehurstcars.co.uk • www.grovehurstcars.co.uk • www.grovehurstcars.co.uk • www.grovehurstcars.co.uk • www.grovehurstcars.co.uk

Terry Stockwell 50 years trading in Kent

GROVEHURST

cars

GENUINE CARS • GENUINE PRICES

01795 431312
GROVEHURST ROAD,
SITTINGBOURNE ME9 8RB
07543 105230
(any time)
Mon-Sat 8.30am - 5.30pm
Sun 10.00am - 4.00pm

FORD

07 Ford Focus 1.8 TDCI Sport 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Diesel, 78,000 miles, Metallic Black, Full Service History	£3,905
04 Ford Galaxy 1.9 TDCI Ghia, Black, 85,000 miles	£5,705
00 Ford Focus 1.8 TDCI Sport 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Diesel, 66,000 miles, Metallic Black, FSH	£5,705
06 Ford Focus 1.8 Ghia 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 48,000 miles, Metallic Black, FSH	£5,705
08 Ford Focus 1.8 Zetec 5 Doors, Automatic, Estate, Petrol, 29,000 miles, Metallic Silver, Full Service History	£5,405
05 Ford Focus 1.8 Ghia Petrol, Manual, Hatchback, Red, 38,000 miles, FSH	£5,405
08 Ford Focus 1.8 Ghia 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 76,000 miles, Metallic Blue, FSH	£5,405
05 Ford Focus 1.8 Zetec 3 Doors, Automatic, Hatchback, Petrol, 46,000 miles, Metallic Black, FSH	£5,405
08 Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCI 115 LX Diesel, Manual, Hatchback, Blue, 89,000 miles	£4,205
04 Ford Focus 1.4 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 32,000 miles, Metallic Grey FSH	£3,905
04 Ford Focus C-Max 1.8 Ghia 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 72,000 miles, Metallic Silver, FSH	£3,905
04 Ford Focus 1.4 Ghia 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 62,000 miles, Metallic Silver, FSH	£3,905
06 Ford C-Max 1.8 LX Silver petrol, manual FSH 39,000 miles	£3,905
03 Ford Galaxy 2.3 Automatic Silver 75,000 miles FSH	£3,905
03 Ford Focus 1.4 Ghia 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 72,000 miles, Metallic Silver, FSH	£3,405
03 Ford Focus 1.4 City 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 50,000 miles, Metallic Silver, FSH	£3,405
02 Ford Focus 1.4 1.5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 32,000 miles, Metallic Silver, FSH	£3,205
03 Ford Focus 1.8 Zetec 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 56,000 miles, Metallic Silver, FSH	£3,205

QUALITY CAR SELECTION

10 Mercedes-Benz A180 C180 Avantgarde SE CVT Diesel, Automatic, Hatchback, Grey, 8,700 miles, FSH	£13,905
00 Jaguar X-Type 2.0 Classic Diesel, Manual, Saloon, Silver, 83,000 miles	£2,805

05 Seat Ibiza 1.8 20v TFR Petrol, Manual, Hatchback, Black, 82,000 miles	£3,905
05 Citroen Xsara Picasso 1.8 HDi 92 Exclusive, 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Diesel, 89,000 miles, Metallic Burgundy, FSH	£3,905
07 Hyundai Getz 1.4 GSI Black 5 door 44,000 miles 1 owner FSH	£3,905
04 Honda Jazz 1.4 GSI SE 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 85,000 miles, Metallic Silver FSH	£3,905
03 Citroen C3 1.4 LX Silver Black 1 owner 58,000 miles, FSH	£3,905
04 Vauxhall Zafira 1.8 Energy Black 71,000 miles, FSH	£3,905
00 Suzuki Alto 1.1 GL 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 9,000 miles, Metallic Silver FSH	£2,205
03 Renault Megane 1.8 VVT Dynamique, Petrol, Manual, Hatchback, Silver, 73,000 miles, FSH	£2,205
02 Citroen Xsara Picasso 1.8i 10v SX 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 74,000 miles, Metallic Blue, FSH	£2,205

DIESELS

10 Mercedes-Benz A180 C180 Avantgarde SE CVT Diesel, Automatic, Hatchback, Grey, 8,700 miles, FSH	£13,905
02 Land Rover Discovery 2.5 Td5 5 Doors, Automatic, Station Wagon, Diesel, 76,000 miles, Metallic Silver, FSH	£8,805
04 Land Rover Discovery 2.0 T44 SE Station Wagon Diesel, Automatic, 4x4, Silver, 65,000 miles	£7,805
04 Land Rover Freelander 2.0 T44 SE Hatchback Diesel, Automatic, 4x4, Green, 83,000 miles	£7,805
04 Land Rover Freelander 2.0 T44 SE Station Wagon 5 Doors, Manual, Station Wagon, Diesel, 69,000 miles, Metallic Blue, Full Service History	£7,805
04 Mitsubishi Shogun Sport 2.5 TD Engine Diesel, Manual, Estate, Silver, 44,000 miles	£8,905
01 LAND ROVER Discovery 2.5 Td5 5 Doors, Manual, Station Wagon, Diesel, 81,000 miles, Metallic Red, FSH	£8,405
04 JEEP Cherokee 2.8 CRD Sport 5 Doors, Automatic, Station Wagon, Diesel, 47,000 miles, Black, FSH	£5,905
04 Land Rover Freelander 2.0 T44 E Station Wagon 5 Doors, Manual, Station Wagon, Diesel, 73,000 miles, Metallic Blue, FSH	£5,905

07 Ford Focus 1.8 TDCI Sport 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Diesel, 78,000 miles, Metallic Black, Full Service History	£3,905
04 Ford Galaxy 1.9 TDCI Ghia, Black, 85,000 miles	£5,705
08 Ford Focus 1.8 TDCI Sport 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Diesel, 66,000 miles, Metallic Black, FSH	£5,705
02 Land Rover Freelander 2.0 T44 GS Station Wagon Diesel, Automatic, 4x4, Green, 73,000 miles	£5,405
03 Jaguar X-Type 2.0 Classic Diesel, Manual, Saloon, Silver, 83,000 miles	£4,805
06 Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCI 115 LX Diesel, Manual, Hatchback, Blue, 89,000 miles	£4,205
05 Renault Clio 1.5 dCi 88 Expression, Manual, Hatchback, 70,000 miles, Metallic Black	£3,905
05 Citroen Xsara Picasso 1.8i 10v SX 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Diesel, 89,000 miles, Metallic Burgundy FSH	£3,905
02 Audi A8 2.8 TDI 163 SE 4 Doors, Automatic, Saloon, Diesel, Metallic Black, FSH	£3,405
02 Mitsubishi Pajero 2.8 TD SWB 3 Doors, Automatic, All Terrain, Diesel, 102,000 miles, White, FSH	£1,905

4X4

02 Land Rover Discovery 2.5 Td5 5 Doors, Automatic, Station Wagon, Diesel, 76,000 miles, Metallic Silver, FSH	£8,805
04 Land Rover Freelander 2.0 T44 SE Station Wagon 5 Doors, Automatic, Station Wagon, Diesel, 69,000 miles, Metallic Silver, 1 Owner, Full Service History	£7,805
04 Land Rover Freelander 2.0 T44 SE Station Wagon 5 Doors, Manual, Station Wagon, Diesel, 69,000 miles, Metallic Blue, Full Service History	£7,805
04 Land Rover Freelander 2.0 T44 SE Station Wagon, Diesel, Automatic, 4x4, Silver, 65,000 miles	£7,805
04 Land Rover Freelander 2.0 T44 SE Hatchback Diesel, Automatic, 4x4, Green, 83,000 miles	£7,805
04 Mitsubishi Shogun Sport 2.5 TD Engine Diesel, Manual, Estate, Silver, 44,000 miles	£8,905
01 LAND ROVER Discovery 2.5 Td5 5 Doors, Manual, Station Wagon, Diesel, 81,000 miles, Metallic Red, FSH	£8,405

AUTOMATICS

10 Mercedes-Benz A180 C180 Avantgarde SE CVT Diesel, Automatic, Hatchback, Grey, 8,700 miles, FSH	£13,905
02 Land Rover Discovery 2.5 Td5 5 Doors, Automatic, Station Wagon, Diesel, 76,000 miles, Metallic Silver, FSH	£8,805
04 Land Rover Freelander 2.0 T44 SE Station Wagon Diesel, Automatic, 4x4, Silver, 65,000 miles	£7,805
04 Land Rover Freelander 2.0 T44 SE Hatchback Diesel, Automatic, 4x4, Green, 83,000 miles	£7,805
04 JEEP Cherokee 2.8 CRD Sport 5 Doors, Automatic, Station Wagon, Diesel, 47,000 miles, Black, FSH	£5,905
08 Ford Focus 1.8 Zetec Petrol, Automatic, Estate, Silver, 29,000 miles, FSH	£5,405
05 Ford Focus Automatic Black FSH	£4,805
03 Ford Galaxy 2.3 Automatic Silver 75,000 miles FSH	£3,905



Need a car but can't get funding?

BUY NOW, PAY LATER A new **NO PROBLEM** system for **DIFFICULT CASES!**

IF YOU CAN TICK ALL THESE BOXES,
THEN CALL US TODAY:

- ☐ PROOF OF ADDRESS
- ☐ DRIVING LICENCE
- ☐ BANK ACCOUNT

GROVEHURST
cars

01795 431312 / 07543 105230

You will be driving away in a quality used car sooner than you think!

www.grovehurstcars.co.uk • www.grovehurstcars.co.uk • www.grovehurstcars.co.uk • www.grovehurstcars.co.uk • www.grovehurstcars.co.uk • www.grovehurstcars.co.uk

www.ecarsmedway.co.uk

Get a better deal at e-cars

sales@e-carsmedway.co.uk

**New stock arriving shortly,
call in or phone for details.**



2002 MERCEDES A 160 PETROL MANUAL 5 DR hatchback, silver, alloys, 2 lady owners, 69K with full S/H, all electrics and Multi CD radio ..£2,495



2004 RENAULT SCENIC EXPRESSION 1.6 AUTO, only 41K, all usual extras for this popular mini MPV, metallic blue with tan trim, excellent condition all round ..£2,495



2006 CITROEN C5 1.6 HDi DIESEL 6 Speed AUTO 5-dr hatchback, space and economy, rarely available in AUTO£3,995



2003 FIAT PUNTO 1.4 S MANUAL, only 2 lady owners from new£1,995

2004 BMW MINI COOPER Bright Yellow with Black roof and cloth trim, alloys, air con etc	£5,495
2006 FORD FOCUS C-MAX AUTO Black, e/w, c/l, PAS, a/c, alloys, spacious mini MPV	SOLD
2006 CITROEN C5 1.6 HDi DIESEL AUTOMATIC 5-dr hatchback, space and economy, rarely available in AUTO	£3,995
2006 FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCI DIESEL 5-dr hatchback, Met Blue, 80k, alloys, all usual extras	SOLD
2006 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.8 LIFE ESTATE New shape, Silver, 5 spd manual, Black cloth trim, 113,000 with full history, bargain at only	SOLD
2005 CITROEN BERLINGO MULTISPACE FORTE 1.4 5-dr, all extras, 53k, low tax and insurance, ideal family car	SOLD
2004 NISSAN PRIMERA 2.2 DIESEL SE 5-dr hatchback, Silver, alloys, all usual refinements	£2,995
2003 VAUXHALL OMEGA ESTATE 2.2 AUTO complete history with many bills, new cambelt and head recently replaced	SOLD
2005 VAUXHALL VECTRA 2.2 AUTO 5-dr hatchback, Metallic Blue, lovely condition, all extras	£2,995
2005 FORD FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC LX 3 dr Hatch, alloys, Silver, cheap road tax and insurance group 5, 50K	SOLD
2003 RENAULT VEL SATIS, Silver, 3.0 DCI AUTO, immaculate and luxurious family car, wood dash, leather, all usual extras, satnav, A/C, alloys, etc, etc	SOLD
2004 FORD KA COLLECTION Gold with grey patterned trim, e/w, PAS, in lovely condition	£2,495
2003 PEUGEOT 307 SW 2.0 DIESEL Estate, black, alloys, A/C, full length sunroof, economy and space	£2,495
1999 VW GOLF 1.4 S 5-dr Hatch, Grey, Group 4 insurance and cheap road tax, immaculate for year and very rare	£2,195
2003 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 LX 5-dr, Met Blue, cheap tax and insurance, PAS, e/w, remote c/l, CD	SOLD
2002 CITROEN XSARA PICASSO EXCLUSIVE HDI, 2.0 DIESEL Manual, full length sunroof, Gold, all electrics	SOLD
2002 CITROEN XSARA PICASSO SX 1.6 PETROL, Manual, Metallic Silver, all usual refinements	£2,195
1999 AUDI A3 1.8 3DR HATCHBACK All usual refinements, rarely available, in Silver, with Blue trim, alloys	£1,995
2003 FIAT PUNTO, Yellow, 1.2 Sport hatch, immaculate condition, group 4 insurance and cheap road tax	£1,995
1999 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF 1.9 GT TDI 5-dr, Black, Beige cloth trim, manual, taxed and MoT's, rarely available and in great condition	SOLD
2002 FORD MONDEO 2.0 GHIA Manual, met blue, black leather trim, full service details, alloys, immaculate, 1 owner since 2002	SOLD
2002 CITROEN C5 2.0 DIESEL Manual, 5-dr hatchback, Black, low tax group 5 + 50+ MPG	£1,995
2002 ROVER 45 IMPRESSION 3, 5 dr hatchback, automatic, silver, grey trim, ONLY 27000 MILES FROM NEW! Immaculate	£1,895
1999 PEUGEOT 206 1.1 LX 3-dr Met Silver, cheap tax and insurance, PAS, e/w, c/l, CD, alloys	SOLD
2000 FORD COUGAR 2.5 AUTO 3-dr hatchback, Silver, alloys, luxury black leather trim, top range car, taxed and MoT's	£1,495
1997 AUDI A6 2.4 Saloon, manual, Metallic Grey with alloys, leather trim, luxury at only	£1,495
2001 CHRYSLER NEON 4-dr SPORTS SALOON, Black, alloys, leather, rare 4-dr model, CD, e/w, PAS, a/c, tax and MoT	£1,495
2001 RENAULT SCENIC AUTO, Silver, immaculate condition inside and out, popular family mini MPV	£1,495
2002 DAEWOO LANOS 1.6 5-dr hatchback, Silver, Manual, bargain at only	£1,295
2001 HONDA ACCORD 2.0 V-TEC SALOON Auto, 5-dr, in Silver, all refinements a fine example of this luxury family Saloon	SOLD
2000 PEUGEOT 306 5-DR HATCHBACK AUTO 2.0SE Auto, Metallic Blue, tax and test	SOLD
2001 PEUGEOT 306 5-DR AUTOMATIC, tax and MoT, Silver, 1.6 engine	£995
2000 PEUGEOT 306 MERIDIAN ESTATE 1.8 Manual, Blue, alloys, leather trim, PAS, e/w, c/l, etc, etc	£995
1996 LANDROVER DISCOVERY COUNTY 7 SEATER 2.5 DIESEL AUTO Blue, alloys, many bills and new parts, twin roof	£2,495
1993 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN LWB 2.5 TURBO DIESEL 7 SEATER Alloys and all usual extras, get ready for this years snow!	£1,995
1997 HONDA CR-V 5-dr 4X4, Silver, power, air, e/w, great multi-purpose vehicle	£1,295
2003 MGTF 1.6 Manual, Silver, history, 62,000 miles	CONVERTIBLES
2001 PEUGEOT 206CC Convertible, Silver 53K manual, electric hard top, body kit, alloys, tax and MOT	SOLD
1997 SAAB 900 CONVERTIBLE Red, black leather trim, manual, e/roof, alloys	£2,495
1994 AUDI CABRIOLET CLASSIC 4 SEAT SOFT TOP, 2.0 MANUAL, bright red, only 67000 miles from new, alloys, all extras	£1,995
1994 MGTF CONVERTIBLE Blue, black trim, manual, alloys	£1,995
2000 TOYOTA YARIS 1.0 3-dr, Red, low tax and insurance model	PX BARGAINS (All cars sold with a full MoT)
1997 SAAB 900 SE TURBO 4-dr Hatchback, Silver, 1 years MOT	£1,295
2001 MG ZT 2.5 Manual Silver, 18' alloys, tax and test, new manifold, so no engine rattles	£995
2001 FORD MONDEO 1.8 LX 5 dr Hatchback, new shape, silver, manual, MOT	£995
1999 ROVER 200 Vi 1.8 5-dr Hatchback, silver tax and MOT	£895
1996 FORD ESCORT SALOON Red, spares or repair	SOLD
1994 NISSAN SUNNY 5-dr, Red, tax and MoT, bargain at	SOLD
2006 FORD TRANSIT (New Shape) 110 T260S 1 private family owned from new, SILVER, Manual 5 spd, side door, unglazed rear doors, ply-lined	COMMERCIAL

www.ecarsmedway.co.uk • Also see our stock on www.ebaymotorspro.co.uk • **Stock Changing Weekly** • Mon-Sat 9.30am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm

01634 401 001 or 07810 167 890 • 57-59 Luton High Street, Chatham, Kent ME5 7LP • email: sales@e-carsmedway.co.uk

CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH - WARRANTIES - FINANCE AVAILABLE

Sport

For more sports news and pictures go to www.kentsport.co.uk

CRICKET

Computer geek Charlie Shreck predicts talented Kent side will show real byte

By Greg Miles

greg.miles@archant.co.uk

WHEN a cricketer openly admits to enjoying tampering and fiddling, it usually spells the end of their career, especially for a bowler.

But for Kent seamer Charlie Shreck, that might well be his future.

The 6ft 7inch right armer is a dab hand when it comes to computers much to the amusement of his new team mates, that is until they need a bit of help.

"I'm a bit of a computer geek," confessed the former Notts player. "I like tampering and fiddling with them."

"A lot of the guys take the mickey out of me for it, until they need some help that is."

"Maybe once I have stopped playing cricket it might be an option, I've not really considered that yet though."

As he says, his immediate future is with Kent for whom he led the attack at Headingley against Yorkshire last week with figures of 6 for 112.

It's his second spell at the St Lawrence Ground following three days he spent with Kent last summer in a loan move.

But now he is back for good, and is relishing the chance to take Kent back to the top flight.

"I only played one game before, so I was shipped in and shipped out," he said.

"I wasn't really around long enough to make an impression, it was three-and-a-bit days and

I was away again. If I can say at the end of the season that we were pushing for honours then that's my target really," he said.

For now though he, like the rest of the squad are still getting to know one another after a number of arrivals including Ben Harmison, Mark Davies, Brendan Nash, Mike Powell, and new coach Jimmy Adams.

"Because there are so many new players we are all finding out different things," he said.

"It's like we have gone to a new school with all the new people joining at the same time and we have got a crew going, it's an exciting time."

"Because it's something we are all facing together, there is a bit of unity."

"It's a diverse dressing room, we've got players from Durham, some from Wales, and a few Kent guys, we have to learn the

different languages. It's a fun place to be."

"It's new and refreshing to have Jimmy Adams and the different ways of putting things."

It was a solid start from the 34-year-old, as he formed what looks to be an exciting partnership with Davies.

"I think we batted very well," he said. "If we play like that every game we will be okay."

"Mark Davies was excellent in the first innings, so the rest of us can probably hold our hands up and say we didn't back him up."

There was also an encouraging performance from youngster Matt Coles who scored his maiden century.

"He's got a lot of talent," said Shreck. "He had a winter on the performance programme, and he's got a new confidence."

"It's nice to have such a young talent there ready to be able to jump in."

Joining Kent was an opportunity Shreck couldn't turn down as he looked to get his career back on track after a frustrating period on the sidelines.

"I have had various injuries over the last two years that have hindered my playing time," he said.

"I would like to play for as long as I can if my body can hold out."

"When you get to my age you take every year as it comes, and if it has to end, it has to end."

"I have to be realistic and honest with myself, and hope my body is back."

6699

I'm a bit of a computer geek. A lot of the guys take the mickey out of me for it, until they need some help that is.

KCCC BOWLER, CHARLIE SHRECK



Picture: ADY KERRY

CONFIDENT: Fast bowler Charlie Shreck is enjoying getting to know his new Kent team mates

Young all-rounder Coles is ready to learn Jimmy Adams' great theories

HAVING a theory is all well and good in any walk of life, but in cricket, if that theory is from Jimmy Adams then you can bet it will work.

That's the view of young Kent star Matt Coles who has wholeheartedly endorsed the ideas being brought to the table by his new coach.

The 21-year-old, who made his debut in 2009, notched his maiden century in a club record ninth-wicket stand of 153 with debutant Mark Davies in the draw against Yorkshire at Headingley last week.

"With Jimmy as a coach it makes things a lot easier, because he's a brilliant coach," he said.

"His theories are coming to the table, and they are definitely working on us all."

"Everybody really respects him and I think it was a great choice for the county and for us moving forward as a group."

"We have got to keep building on what we have been working on over the pre-season, and the results will come."

The work clearly paid off for Coles as he made short work of the Yorkshire bowling to reach his ton.

"It was brilliant, I was over the Moon," he said. "I was a bit upset that we didn't quite get the win, to top it off."

"If we had taken a couple of chances it might have been a different game."

It has given him the confidence to finally label himself as an all-rounder, having thought about it for a few years.

"I have been umming and ahing for the last few years, I have always felt I can do well with the bat, but just never really put it into action," he said.

"Now after scoring 100 last week I feel I should step up to the plate. I'm hoping that's the first of a lot more."

As well as the new label, and new theories, there have been new personalities in the dressing room at the club which haven't come quietly.

"The new lads coming in are all different, they have a bit of a laugh in the changing room," he said.

"It's definitely improved us from being a quiet county to now being a bit more noisy."

The final few threads are coming together, and everybody is in game mode now."

Coles singled out new boy Matt Powell who joined from Glamorgan as one of the big characters who has come into the side this season.

"It's because of his general chat about everything really," he said.

"He's very entertaining to listen to, especially in his Welsh accent."



Picture: ADY KERRY

ON BOARD: Matt Coles says Jimmy Adams' ideas will bring victory

Sport

For more sports news and pictures go to www.kentsport.co.ukOXFORD UNITED V GILLINGHAM:
Kassam Stadium, 3pm kick off

Hess tells his troops not to let play-off dreams die

By Greg Miles

greg.miles@archant.co.uk

ANDY Hessenthaler has urged his side not to let their promotion charge slip ahead of a crucial play-off showdown with Oxford United.

The Gills head in to tomorrow's game knowing that a win will put them just one point behind the U's who occupy the last playoff place, with three games left after that, including the grudge match against Championship hopefuls Swindon next weekend.

Hessenthaler has challenged his men to win all four games and put behind them the disappointment at missing out on the play-offs on goal difference last season.

"It's make or break really at this stage, there is no point us sitting back," he said. "We need to try and win all four games."

"Last season we ended up losing out on the last play-off place. It was a failure last year, I'm here to try and get the club back to the first division. I signed a three-year deal."

Ahead of the trip to the Kassam Stadium tomorrow striker Danny Kedwell urged his teammates to make sure the home crowd play their part in an away victory.

"I played there a few years ago," he said. "It's a tough place to play. I know the crowd get on their backs quite easily, so we have got to make sure they do."

"It's a massive game for us, all the boys are looking forward to it."

"If we don't get a result then it could be over."



MAKING HIS POINT: Gillingham's Danny Kedwell will want to silence the home crowd at Oxford United

We can get the points." He said they were given words of encouragement from chairman Paul Scally who came into the dressing room after the Easter Monday defeat at home to Dagenham & Redbridge.

"He came in and said 'you can still do this, you can do it for all the fans'."

Hessenthaler admitted the mood in the camp

FACT FILE:

OXFORD UNITED

HEAD-TO-HEAD: Last 10 games – Gills 7 wins, Oxford 1 win

LAST MEETING: Gills 1 Oxford United 0
December 10, 2011 (League Two)

PREVIOUS GAME: Oxford United 2 Torquay 2
April 9, 2012

OXFORD'S FORM: WDWLLD

LEAGUE POSITION: 7th

TALKING POINT: Gillingham need to win to keep their chances alive of making it into the play-off, will Danny Kedwell and co be able to silence the Kassam Stadium?



ICE HOCKEY

Dynamos aiming for play off glory against champs

PLAY-OFF glory is at stake for Invicta Dynamos who take on season champions Romford Raiders in a double header this weekend.

The Dynamos are through to the English National Ice Hockey League South play-off semi-finals after a Harrison Lillis hat-trick helped them thump the Cardiff ENL Devils 17-9 in Gillingham on Sunday.

It sets up a tie against the east London side who have already been crowned regular season champions.

Head coach Kevin Parrish is hoping there won't be a repeat of the two losses earlier in the season, in the cup 10-5 and league 6-4.

"No-one really thinks we are going to come away with anything," he said. "We have just got to go and play with a positive attitude."

"The players are confident after the weekend, we scored a lot of goals, and they are in high spirits."

He is hoping to rely on his players' speed, which he rates as among the best in the division.

"I think we are as fast as any team in the league," he said. "I think



TOUGH: Mos eyeing play-off success

that's where we can win the game, but we have got to be a lot tighter at the back.

"We know what strength they have got going forward."

Despite not performing as well in the league as he'd hoped, he wants the players to give their all in the do-or-die double header.

He added: "It has been a little bit disappointing. We wanted that third spot and took our foot off the gas in the last few games."

BASKETBALL

Crusaders feel no pressure as biggest-ever game beckons

MEDWAY Park Crusaders Basketball Club are gearing up for the biggest game in their history this weekend.

English Basketball League Division One side are vying for a place in the semi-finals of the play-offs after clinching the final spot last weekend.

But the London Leopards – a side already crowned the regular season champions having finished top of the league – are in their way.

Head coach James Vear has told his players there is no pressure on them ahead of the clash in London on Sunday.

"It's the biggest game we have ever had, other than the play-off final we had last year," he said.

"There's no pressure on us, we are the number eight seed, they are number one. We have already beaten them once this season."

He's certainly done his research having spent many an hour in front of the box watching the opposition, and has pinpointed their two American players as the ones to watch.

"I'm pretty sick of watching them play," he said. "My assistant is the



GLORY: Crusaders having high time

same, it means we are definitely ready.

"They have probably got the best two import players in the league from America, they are very good, as good as I have ever seen."

"We have got to make their other players play. If we let them play we are going to come away with a loss."

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL FOCUS WITH FRED ATKINS

Lack of FA Cup isn't a problem

KENT hasn't had an FA Cup finalist since the Royal Engineers in 1878, it's never had a top flight professional team unless you count Woolwich Arsenal before 1913, and in nearly a century since it's never had more than two clubs in the Football League, where Gillingham have been the sole representatives for the past 21 years.

There is one area however, where Kent at least punches its weight.

Of the 266 clubs who started this season in the national non-league system (above the Step Five level where county leagues operate), 13 are from Kent. If you cheat a bit and include Welling, Bromley and Cray that accounts for nearly six per cent of the total – not bad for a county which has three per cent of England's population.

What's unusual is how seldom any of these clubs have come to even challenging for a place in the Football League – and with it Gillingham's almost unbroken reign as Kent's top side.

In the 92 years since Gillingham were elected as founder members of Division Three South, they've been the highest-ranked Kent side in the football pyramid in every season bar one.

1989-90, when Gillingham came 14th in Division Four of the Football League and Maidstone United finished fifth, remains the only time Gillingham have been dethroned by another Kent side, although very occasionally another team has challenged.

Gillingham dropped back into the Southern League for a few years either side of World War Two and in 1949-50, to date their last season as a non-league team, they finished fifth, with Dartford sixth and Gravesend & Northfleet seventh.

Gillingham's dominance has otherwise been remarkably consistent. Since Maidstone's fleeting reign – which came at a ruinous financial cost – Dover, Ebbsfleet and Margate have all been in the Conference, without ever seriously threatening to get into the Football League.

Gillingham did once nearly drop out of it in 1993-94, when Dover were eighth in the Conference, but since then the gap has widened.

Although Sussex now has a second Football League side in Crawley, it's unlikely they'll challenge Brighton in the short or long term, while Norwich and Ipswich have no serious competition in Norfolk and Suffolk respectively.

Even in places like Northampton and Lincoln someone like Rushden or Boston occasionally comes along for a few seasons.

It would only take a bad year at Priestfield and they might be in the same division as Ebbsfleet, but it's felt Gillingham are untouchable for at least another 10 years.

Andy Hessenthaler also felt Ebbsfleet's financial situation would hold them back and rated Dartford as biggest short-term threat due to their fan base and facilities. He also felt Maidstone might return.



HEALTH CLUB

30+

DESIGNED FOR THE OVER 30's



Swimming pool
Gymnasiums
Weights room
Steam & Sauna
Infra-Red Sauna
Private Jacuzzi
Sunbed (free)
Squash & Tennis
Beauty Clinic
Sun Garden
Classes (free)
Guests welcome
ADULTS ONLY
All ages - all levels

Three luxurious bars
Excellent restaurant,
Bistro & snack service
Lounges & relaxation
TV & games room
Private party room
Regular social events

The Roffen is different
We offer you a world
of comfort & service in
a friendly, relaxing club



Join a different style of Health Club
Enjoy a better quality of service



41 New Road
Rochester

The Roffen does welcome under 30's.
It is just that we also offer bars, good food
social events and a pleasant private club.
Things that really attract the over 30's

JOIN NOW

Join before 30th April and we
will treat you to a FREE dinner in
our restaurant worth £25 each

BOOK A FREE TOUR NOW
01634-404770
or look on
www.roffen.com

FULL MEMBERSHIP STARTS FROM £45
OFF-PEAK, WEEKEND, OCCASIONAL, SOCIAL
THE ONLY CLUB TO PUBLICISE FEES - SEE WEBSITE